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NAZI ULTIMATUM IN STOCKHOLM

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LONDON, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO THE "DAILY EXPRESS" THE GERMAN COMMERCIAL DELEGATION AT PRESENT IN STOCKHOLM WILL DELIVER A NOTE TANTAMOUNT TO AN ULTIMATUM DEMANDING VIRTUAL GERMAN CONTROL OVER THE SWEDISH IRON ORE MINES.

The ultimatum, says the paper, will demand that the entire Swedish mercantile marine be used exclusively for trade with Germany.

The ultimatum will also demand improvements in the port of Lulea in order to allow more rapid ship clearances.

The "Daily Express" also publishes reports from Belgium announcing that Germany contemplates the seizure of the Aaland Islands, which command the approaches to eastern Sweden.

The paper says eight German divisions are massed in the Baltic ports, Memel and East Prussia. Ice-breakers carrying large quantities of ammunition have also been seen.—Havas.

Tension In Berlin

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Travellers returning from Berlin state that tension is prevailing in German official circles, leading to the belief that the Reich will very shortly launch a fresh aggression.

The Nazi leaders are trying to work up enthusiasm for fresh military adventures among the people; military bands are constantly playing in public while the accomplishments of the German army are exalted.—Havas.

Activity In Slovakia

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Neutral reports state that the Germans in Slovakia are very active, carrying out extensive studies of roads and railways.

The German military mission in Bratislava is actively organising the Slovak army.

All these movements, it is stated, are reminiscent of the German activity prior to the march into Poland.—Havas.

SPEED-UP OF FRENCH BATTLESHIPS

Paris, To-day.

Measures have been taken to accelerate the construction of the four 35,000-ton battleships now building, announced M. Camille, the Navy Minister, at the meeting of the Chamber of Deputies finance committee yesterday.—Reuter.

BLACK-OUT THROUGHOUT SWITZERLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

A black-out was imposed all over Switzerland yesterday and will last until Saturday, under the order of General Guisan, the commander-in-chief.

Air raid alarms will be sounded to give the population practice in running to shelter.—Havas.

70,000 NAZI TROOPS IN COPENHAGEN

London, To-day.

Reports that troops are embarking in German Baltic ports continue to pour in; these may be intended for Norway but it is felt the threat to Sweden is an actual one.

According to the Paris newspaper "Intransigeant," the German troop transports are accompanied by ice-breakers, and 70,000 men are massed in Copenhagen.

The newspaper declares Germany has demanded from Sweden authority to send war material to Norway through Sweden, permission for Nazi planes to land on Swedish aerodromes and priority for German High Command communication on the Swedish telegraph and telephone systems.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—South-east winds, light to moderate; cloudy, misty, occasional rain.

AALAND ISLANDS TENSION BREWING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THAT THE KREMLIN IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE PROSPECT OF A GERMAN OCCUPATION OF THE AALAND ISLANDS, IS INDICATED BY LOCAL SOVIET QUARTERS.

The Soviet opposition is naturally not cultivated by sympathy for the Allies but because they do not wish the Germans to establish a base half way between Germany and the Swedish iron ore deposits.

Meanwhile, it is emphasised that Finland has fortified the Aaland Islands and mined the waters surrounding them.

No doubt remains that the Finns will desperately resist any German attempt to occupy the islands.

Finnish resistance will undoubtedly receive Russian diplomatic support in view of the fact that the islands are in the immediate vicinity of the Russian-controlled Hangoe air and naval base; in south-west Finland, dominating the entrance to the Gulf of Finland.

Local Soviet quarters fear the Germans need the Swedish iron ore so badly that the Reich is determined to reinforce its position at Sweden's expense by any means.—Havas.

DEATH OF U.S. ATTACHE

Washington, To-day.

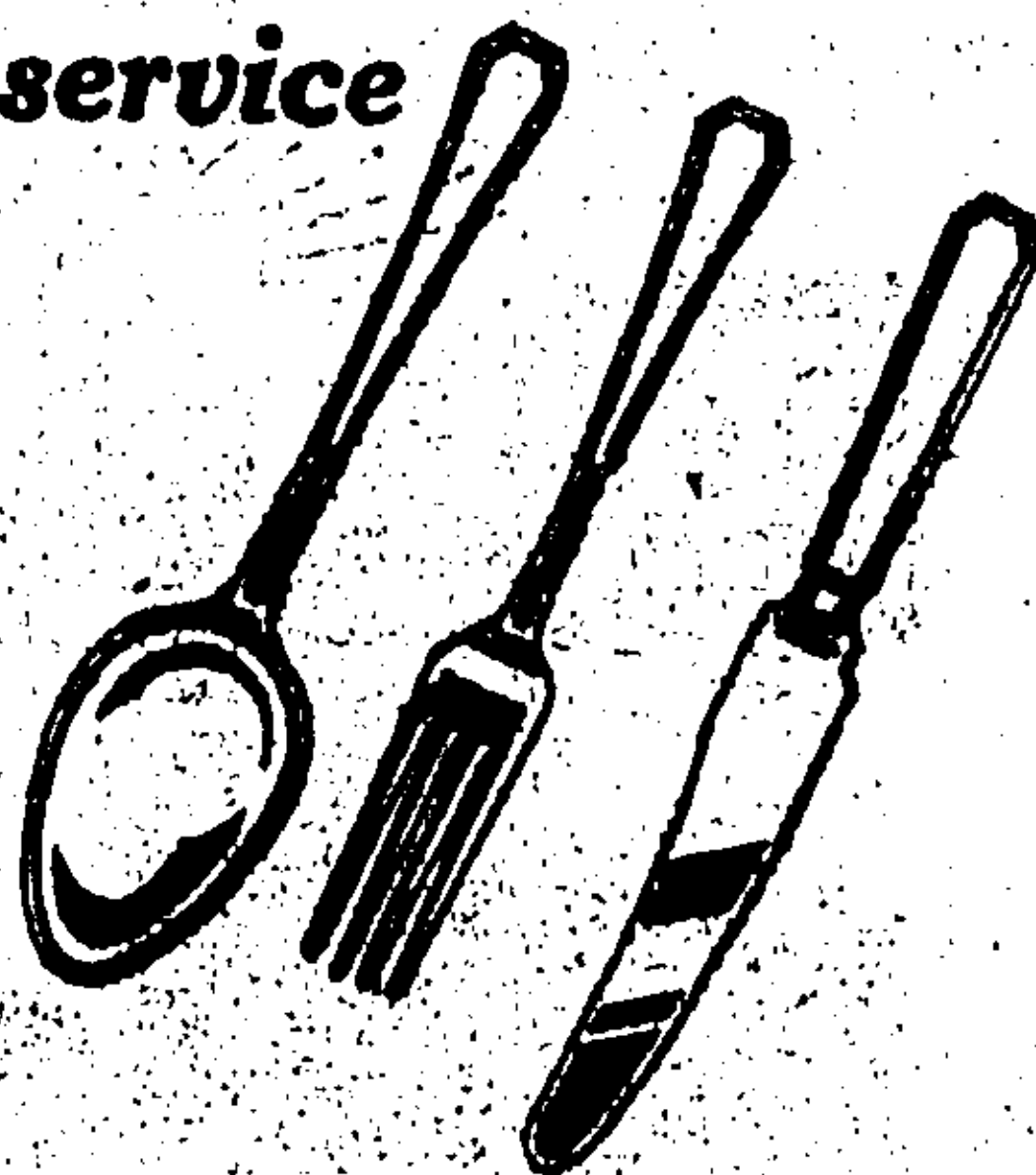
Field-Marshal Goering has sent a personal message of regret and sympathy for the death of Capt. Losey, U.S. air attaché killed in a Nazi air raid in Norway.

The German military attaché in Washington handed the message to Major-General Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Corps.—Reuter.

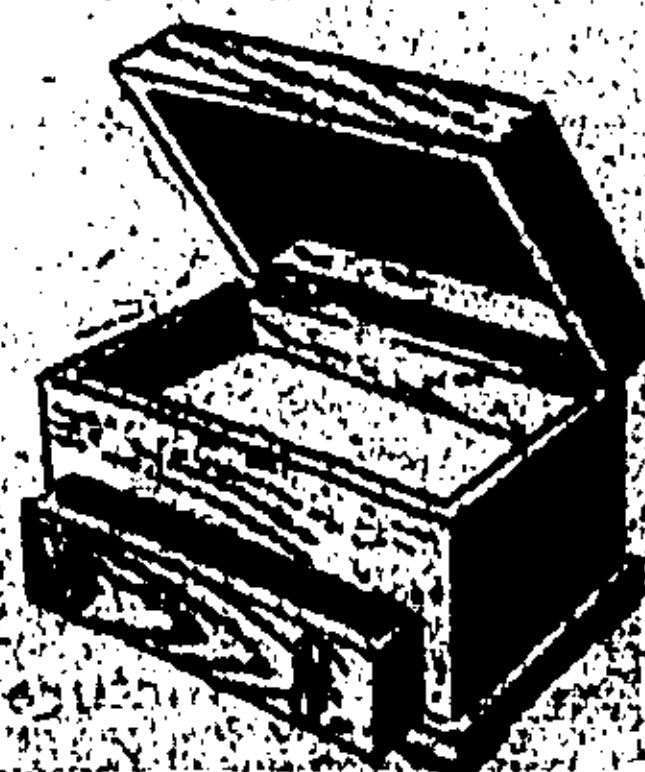
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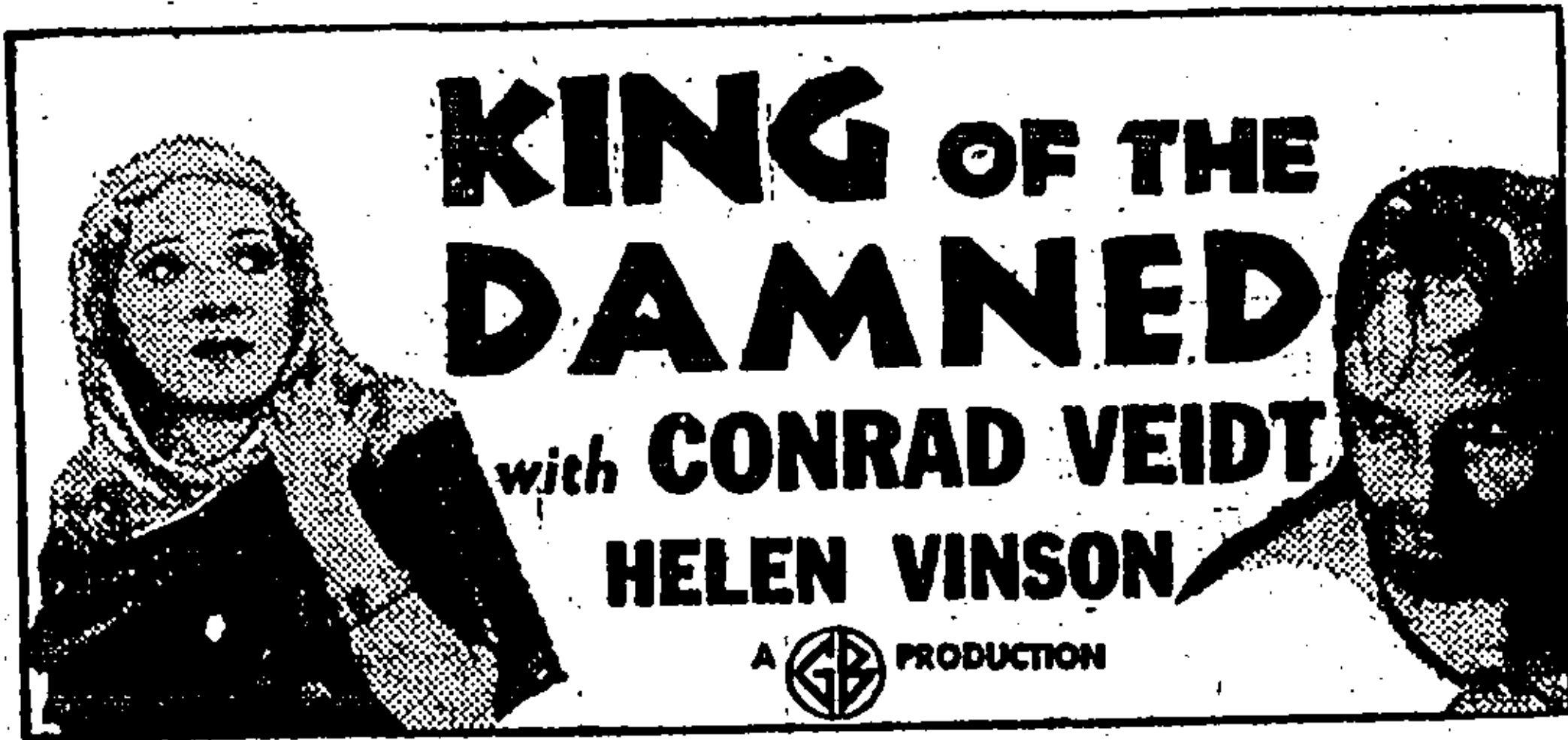
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Extraordinary Line For The Commons

London, To-day.

SATISFACTION AT THE RECEPTION of the Budget was expressed yesterday by Captain H. F. C. Crookshank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, in the course of the second day's Budget debate in the House of Commons.

Capt. Crookshank said: "Criticisms have not been very loud and have been on an extraordinary line for the Commons that we hadn't spent enough and that the taxes were not high enough because everyone wanted vigorous prosecution of the war."

Alluding to a statement by Mr. L. M. S. Amery (Cons) that Germany was spending three thousand millions sterling a year on the war, which was more than Britain and France together, Capt. Crookshank said he did not know the source of that figure but it might be part of German propaganda.

Anyhow it was not only the British and French figures that had to be considered but the whole Imperial figures, including the Dominions, India and the whole Colonial Empire.

Moreover, our war effort included the potential production of other countries which we could use on the cash and carry basis.

NOT POUND FOR POUND

The war effort of the Allies could not be measured with Germany's on a pound for pound basis.

On our side we had a great many imponderables which were of enormous value, such as the rightness of our cause, the undragooned belief of our people in freedom and justice, and the support of the whole Empire and the certain knowledge of all independent nations that we are really fighting for their survival as well as our own.—Reuter.

U.S. BATTLESHIPS TO BE MODERNISED

New York, To-day.
The House of Representatives naval committee yesterday approved the bill authorising the modernisation of the battleships, New York, Texas and Arkansas.

The bill provides expenditure totalling \$5,725,000.—Reuter.

LATEST AIR FORCE CASUALTIES

London, To-day.

An Air Ministry casualty list published yesterday contains 113 names, including an aircraftwoman who died on active service.

Among those missing is Acting Flight-Lt. R. P. A. Harrison, who took part in the R.A.F. England-Australia formation flight in 1937.

The woman is Aircraftwoman D. E. Calder, who was killed in a motor-car accident in England and was buried with military honours. The names comprise five killed in action; five others previously reported missing and now presumed killed in action; four wounded or injured in action; 16 missing believed killed in action; 55 missing; 11 killed on active service; one missing believed killed on active service; six wounded or injured on active service; two died of wounds or injuries, and eight died on active service.—Reuter.

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BRITISH CRANKS MAY BE CHECKED

London, To-day.
SIR JOHN ANDERSON was questioned in the Commons yesterday about the propaganda activities of certain groups under Communist or Fascist leadership. It had been represented to him previously, by deputations of interested M.P.s that the propaganda of these bodies was of a seditious character.

In his reply, the Home Secretary said he had, for some time past, been carefully watching the activities of certain small groups of people of whom, some appeared to be deliberately anxious to hinder the war effort. "The question of what steps would properly be taken to check propaganda of a harmful kind was discussed when the Defence Regulations were debated on 31st October.

"There was general agreement that every effort should be made, even in time of war, to avoid interference with the propagation of opinions held by the small minorities.

There is, however, a risk that the liberty allowed by our traditional principles may be abused by extremists, of whom some are anxious to destroy that liberty, and I am at present considering whether some strengthening of the regulations is desirable for the purpose of checking activities specifically directed towards impeding our national war effort."

Sir John Anderson agreed with Mr. Dingle Foot that it would be desirable, if there was any intention of departing from the main lines of the previous agreement among political parties as to the application of the regulations affecting civil liberties, there should be further conversations.—British Wireless.

NANCHANG ISOLATED

Chungking, To-day.
With the Chinese recapture of Sishan, Wanshoukung and other outer defence points and the cutting of the Nanchang-Kiukiang Railway, the Japanese in Nanchang are isolated, according to field dispatches.

Japanese counter-attacks have broken down.

Intensified fighting is reported from south Kiangsu and south Anhwei.

According to a report from Shasi, a Japanese force pushing north from Siaokan, 40 miles northwest of Hankow, was trapped and decimated.

The Chinese also scored a victory on the Yicheng-Tsinshui highway. A Japanese force more than 700 strong pushing east from Tsinshui was trapped and only about 100 escaped.—Central News.

NO TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN

London, To-day.
Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister for Economic Warfare, stated in the Commons in reply to a question that no negotiations for a new war trade agreement with Japan had taken place.

There had been an exchange of views in Tokyo in respect to contraband bound for Germany, and he was considering whether any further steps could usefully be taken.—Reuter.

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GAIMUSHO ANXIOUS

ALLIED SHIPPING ACTIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.
Great anxiety is felt by the Gaimusho over the fate of 16 Japanese-chartered Danish and Norwegian ships following the detention of Norwegian and Danish ships by Britain and France in Far Eastern waters during the past fortnight.

The Gaimusho intends to start negotiations with London and Paris with a view to protecting these ships from possible detention or seizure.

It is stressed here that Japanese shipping companies hired these ships from the Scandinavian owners prior to the Scandinavian campaign.

Legal experts say Germany did not notify Japan of the occupation of Denmark and Norway, and hence Japan is entitled still to consider these vessels neutral.—Havas.

TIENTSIN: OPTIMISM MISPLACED

PEIPING, TO-DAY.

WELL-INFORMED FOREIGN CIRCLES HERE ARE OF OPINION THAT NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC HOPES SHOULD BE PLACED ON A CESSATION OF THE TIENTSIN BLOCKADE, EVEN IF THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SILVER QUESTION END SUCCESSFULLY.

The Japanese-controlled Tientsin vernacular newspaper "Yung Pao" in a special article stresses that the blockade of the Concessions is a wartime measure and therefore lifting of the blockade is a question for the Japanese army solely to decide.—Reuter.

FOREIGNERS IN CAR CRASH

Three foreigners were involved in a car crash in Statue Square shortly after 1 o'clock this morning as a result of which the driver of the car, Mr. D. B. Nelson, of Jardine's, is in Queen Mary Hospital suffering from a fractured collar-bone and abrasions.

The two passengers in the car, both men, whose names are not yet known, escaped unhurt though they were thrown out of the car.

The car, a Riley, was going from west to east when it overturned. The windshield was wrenched off, the bonnet dented and the lamps twisted.

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HITLER NOT COUNTING ON ITALY'S MILITARY AID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

POLITICAL OBSERVERS believe that Germany, at present, is not counting on active Italian military aid.

Nevertheless it is expected that Italian-German co-operation will soon become more active, especially in the economic sphere, while Italian "moral support" might assume a more violent character.



CANADA'S NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL—The Earl of Athlone, appointed new Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, visiting Brighton where he presided over the 50th annual meeting of the Police Seaside Convalescent Home. (Copyright, Fox).

HEADACHE?

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The same observers point out that some quarters in Rome favour immediate Italian entrance into the war on the side of Germany, but these quarters are apparently not very influential either within the Government or among the population. —Havas.

French Ready To Discuss Settlement

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Speaking before the foreign affairs committee of the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, describing Franco-Italian relations over the past few months, said: "Loyal and frank exchanges of views between the two countries have not yet taken place. The French Government was not responsible for this."

His conviction was that a settlement in the Mediterranean was still possible.

Paying a tribute to the loyalty of Turkey, M. Reynaud stated Turkish co-operation was a most valuable contribution to the defence of south-eastern Europe.

M. Reynaud concluded by expressing the determination of the Allies to pursue hostilities until the return of prosperity to all freedom loving nations was made possible. —Havas.

WINSTON'S DAUGHTER FALLS OFF TRAIN

Miss Mary Churchill, youngest daughter of Mr. Winston Churchill, jumped on the footboard of a Metropolitan train at South Kensington, but was unable to pull open the doors. She remained on the running board as the train gathered speed, and at the end of the platform threw herself off and rolled down the ramp.

Officials rushed to her assistance, but she picked herself up, brushed her clothes, and assured them she was uninjured. She is seventeen.

AIR BLOCKADE OF REICH?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
PARIS, TO-DAY.

WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS DECLARE THAT A DECISION TO INAUGURATE A STRICT CONTROL OF GERMAN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY AIR, WAS REACHED AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE ALLIED SUPREME WAR COUNCIL, DESPITE THE IMMENSE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED.

The step is due to the fact that air traffic between Germany and many neutrals has reached huge figures, largely surpassing pre-war figures.

All sorts of goods, including some heavy ones, are being transported. —Havas.

BIG VOICE TO BEAT BOMBERS

German murder planes which make sudden attacks on fishermen, spraying them with machine gun bullets before they have time to retaliate, will in future get a hot reception thanks to a new device which has been successfully tested at Grimsby.

The device, a loudspeaker equipment with a three miles range, is now being fitted to many ships and combined with sound detecting apparatus, will enable warnings of threatened attacks to be given before the murder plane arrives.

It will replace the slower methods of signalling by flags and morse.

Another advantage of the "big voice," as Grimsby fishermen have christened the new device, will be in marshalling convoys.

SAY SIMON HAS NO KINDNESS

Evacuated Civil Servants who met in Liverpool described Sir John Simon as a modern Vicar of Bray, and said he was devoid of human kindness.

At a similar meeting in Manchester Sir John's unpopularity with Government workers brought a comment that he was an "intellectual prostitute."

At both meetings protests were made at the refusal of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to increase the wages of evacuated Civil Servants.

Mr. W. J. Brown, general secretary of the Civil Service Clerical Association, said at Manchester: "Mr. Churchill is not a Jod lad. We want a Churchill in every great State office."

NETHERLANDS PROVIDES THE ANSWER

London, To-day.

A story being widely circulated in the United States, attributing to Dutch officials the view that Britain had raised the question of the future of the Dutch East Indies to "drag America into the war through the back door," is flatly denied by the Netherlands Legation in Washington, states the Washington correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

After communicating with his Government, the Netherlands Minister stated that the assertion that Britain was to blame for the agitation over the future of the D.E.I. "in no way represented the views of the Netherlands Government." —Reuter.

READY, HITLER BOASTS

Hitler is reliably reported in Rome to have told Mussolini that he is ready to attack the Maginot Line at any moment, and has no doubt of a successful result.

Mussolini is said to be in possession of all Hitler's plans, which gives point to the conference the Duce had with Marshal Graziani.

The fact that the Duce called in Graziani is taken to indicate that Mussolini wishes to be ready for any developments.

CHINESE PAINTINGS

The exhibition of paintings by Mr. Lin Fon-ming, at the Hong Kong University, has been well attended during the past few days, and is to be extended until the 28th.

The keen appreciation by Hong Kong connoisseurs of the artist's works will be gathered from the fact that over \$1,000 worth of pictures have been sold.

Mrs. Lin, who is responsible for arranging the exhibition in the absence of her husband, who is in Chungking, has made it known that half of the proceeds of the sales of the last day will be devoted for war relief purposes in England and in China.



At the London Area School of Physical and Recreational Training at the Police College, Hendon, where selected officers and N.C.O.'s undergo courses of physical and recreational training games, etc., under expert guidance. The trainees will become instructors themselves. Photo shows men attending a lecture on the human body — with the aid of a skeleton. (Copyright, Fox).



A tense moment in the Softball match between Canuckettes and Ramblerettes.



Canuckettes, who won the Girls Softball League Championship this year—the first year the team had entered. From left to right:— (Front row) Dot Louey, Mabel Louey, Toots Lee, Elvie Yuen, Mae Bunn. (Middle row) Ulian Khoo, Jessie Wong, Alice Mar, Renie Yuen, Mary Louey. (Back row) Jean Lee, Rosie Louey.

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MAJOR'S WIFE LOVED COLONEL

Major John Edward Read, of the Indian Army, whose home is at Waterlooville, Portsmouth, was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court because of the adultery of his wife, Frances Mary, with Lt.-Col. John George Smyth.

At the same court Mrs. Margaret Smyth, of Clairville-court, C.W., obtained a decree nisi against Lieut.-Colonel Smyth.

Major and Mrs. Read, who have two children, were married in Scotland in 1927. The marriage of Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Smyth took place at Brompton Oratory, S.W., in 1920, and they have four children.

The case for Major Read was that in 1938 he was stationed at Allahabad, India, with his wife, and towards the end of the year Colonel Smyth, also in the Indian Army, was transferred there, and was later joined by his wife.

Mrs. Read and Colonel Smyth became friendly and later she admitted to her husband that she was in love with the Colonel.

Costs of both petitions, which were not defended, were awarded against Colonel Smyth.

New York, To-day.
CAPTAIN McHALE, SKIPPER of the 5,000-ton freighter *Mormac Sea*, which arrived from Trondheim yesterday, revealed that he slipped out of the port the day after its capture by the Germans.

Hidden in the ship's hold was over £1,000,000 of Swedish-owned gold, which he took to Hommelvik, a few miles from Trondheim.

A.R.P. TEST IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, To-day.

Air raid sirens wailed throughout Haarlem yesterday morning in the country's first full-dress A.R.P. practice.

In a few minutes the streets were empty except for police and wardens. Motorcars, omnibuses and other vehicles came to a standstill as passengers and drivers took refuge in nearby houses.

Schoolchildren were conducted from schools to houses in the vicinity.—Reuter.

Captain McHale told a graphic story of how the Nazis captured Trondheim.

He said he went on deck at dawn on April 9 and saw soldiers on the dock and on board ships.

He then spotted the Nazi cruiser Admiral Hipper with a crowd of soldiers on board and realised the port had been captured without a shot being fired.

A German officer came aboard and told him there were 2,000 German troops in Trondheim.

Fight With Destroyer

His ship (apparently the Admiral Hipper) had had a fight outside the harbour with a British destroyer, (Presumably H.M.S. *Glowworm*) which they sunk in 10 minutes. Sixty prisoners were taken.

The British fought gallantly but had no chance against the Admiral Hipper and four destroyers.

The German officer declared: "We are here only to protect Norway against the English."

He added the Germans had been ordered not to bother about neutral ships, especially American.—Reuter.

FRENCH DESTROYERS IN ACTION IN SKAGERRAK

Paris, To-day.

The communique issued last night from French G.H.Q. states:

"In the Vosges, one of our parties of sharpshooters put to flight an enemy detachment which had lain in ambush near one of our outposts."

"In the Skagerrak, the First Destroyer Flotilla attacked and sank two enemy patrol ships and returned unscathed to its base despite heavy attacks from the air."—Reuter.



Miss Sylvia Goss putting the finishing touches to her painting showing the survivors of the "Simon Bolivar" the Dutch vessel sunk by German mine. The picture will be shown in "The War As I See It" Exhibition at the British Art Centre, London. (Copyright, Fox).

WIDOWERS HAVE THE BEST CHANCE

THE LIKELIHOOD OF A WIDOWER MARRYING IS GREATER IN EACH AGE-GROUP THAN THAT OF A BACHELOR. A WIDOW'S MARRIAGE PROSPECTS ARE GREATER THAN THOSE OF A SPINSTER EXCEPT IN THE AGE-GROUP TWENTY-FIVE TO THIRTY-FIVE.

That is the view of the Registrar-General.

The City of London's marriage rate is nearly six times as high as the average for England and Wales, and the Registrar-General concludes in his report that many persons who usually live in the provinces or abroad move to London to be married.

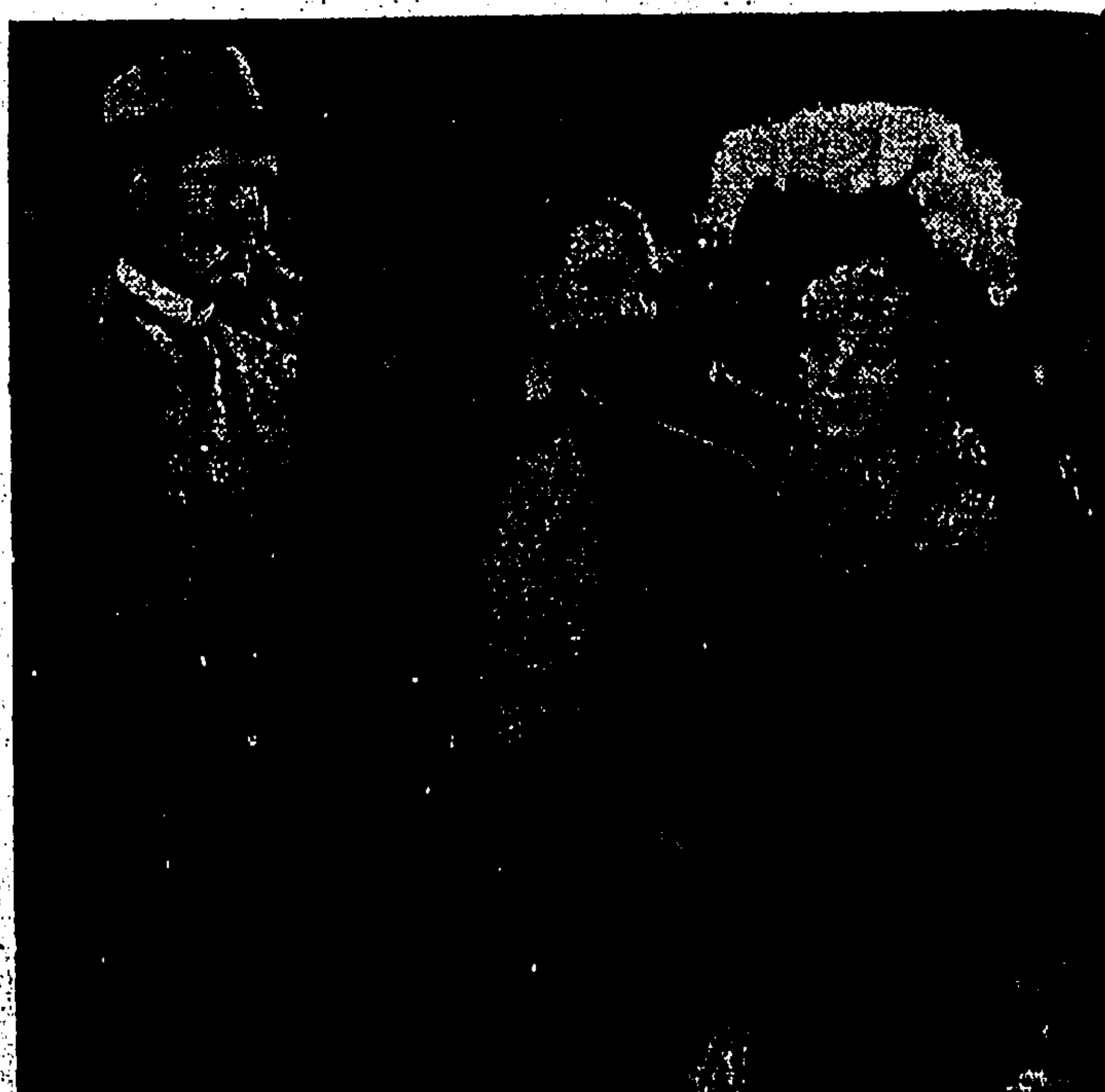
The number of divorces in 1937 was 4,886—a new high record. It was eight or nine times as large as those for the years 1901 to 1910. The number of divorced persons who remarried—6,988—was also a record.

A study of infant mortality during 1933-37 showed that the death rate for children of residents in county boroughs was on the first day of life eight per cent. in excess of that for children of rural residents.

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SECOND BATTLE OF NARVIK

Epic Story Of British Naval Triumph: Official

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE ADMIRALTY HAS ISSUED AN OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SECOND BATTLE OF NARVIK, WHEN THE BRITISH FLEET DESTROYED THE ENTIRE NAZI NAVAL FORCES IN THE FJORD.

The Admiralty says the weather was misty with low clouds and drizzle when at noon on April 13 the British naval force steamed up the head of the West Fjord towards Otof Fjord and Narvik.

The force consisted of the destroyers Icarus, Hero, Foxhound, Kimberley, Forester; the "Tribal" class destroyers Bedouin, Punjabi, Eskimo and Cossack, and the battleship Warspite, under the command of Vice-Admiral Whitworth.

To take such a large ship through the long narrow approach to Narvik was a feat of navigation attended by great risks because it was known that German destroyers lurked in the fjords and it was not known what traps had been laid though air reconnaissance and the accompanying destroyers reduced the dangers.

A German destroyer appeared out of the mist at 12.26 p.m. Four of the British destroyers opened fire but the enemy turned away and disappeared.

Obstinate Resistance

At 12.45 p.m. another German destroyer appeared, followed shortly by others.

The first German destroyer made obstinate resistance but was subjected to a murderous fire from Icarus and the three "Tribal" destroyers. In eight minutes she was ablaze forward, amidships and aft, but one gun kept firing until silenced by Warspite.

More enemy destroyers appeared, until six were zig-zagging ahead of the British forces, and a veritable dog fight ensued, with all the ships firing rapidly and making large alterations in course in order to dodge salvoes and keep the guns bearing.

Many German salvoes fell close to the British ships at this period but owing to skilful manoeuvring no ship was hit.

Running Fight

A Heinkel bomber was seen but kept well out of range.

The action developed into a running fight, with the enemy retreating all the time and beginning to show damage.

The half hour after 2 p.m. was the decisive period.

An extract from the bridge of a British destroyer records:

1.58 p.m. One enemy badly hit.

2.03 p.m. Enemy on fire.

2.05 p.m. Enemy hit by torpedoes. Another fire.

2.14 p.m. Another enemy on fire.

2.24 p.m. Two explosions on second enemy destroyer to catch fire.

2.26 p.m. Two explosions on another destroyer.

It was seen that this was the end, but four German destroyers fled up Rombaks Fjord, dropping smoke floats as they went to hinder the chase.

Blazing Wreck

By 2.30 p.m. one enemy was a blazing wreck, one drifted derelict to the north of Narvik, abandoned by the crew who were swimming for the shore, a third had beached herself and the remainder had sought refuge in Rombaks Fjord.

Warspite In Action

While the destroyer action was in progress, Warspite was bombarding shore batteries in the vicinity of the harbour, assisted by Cossack, which engaged the batteries fiercely at a range less than half a mile and silenced an enemy howitzer.

Punjabi and Foxhound also supported Cossack.

Meanwhile the other British destroyers chased the enemy into Rombaks Fjord, which is 10 miles long with a narrow neck 200 yards wide half way up the fjord.

Hero took the lead and the British advanced round another bend to discover what was beyond.

Against the ice at the head of the fjord lay three German destroyers. One appeared almost undamaged but there was no sign of life on board, only the bows of the second showed above the water and the third was on fire.

Hero and Kimberley fired a few rounds but soon checked as there was no reply.

Scuttled!

Armed parties were sent to investigate in whalers. As they approached the first destroyer she listed slowly and sank. She had been scuttled.

The parties boarded the remaining destroyer, named Hans Lubemann, hauled down the German ensign and hoisted the White Ensign.

They found only one wounded officer on board. He had been placed on a stretcher ready for removal but it seemed that when Hero came into sight he had been left on the burning ship while his shipmates made their escape. He was taken on board Hero.

Crumbling Prices

Salvage of the Hans Lubemann was impracticable so Hero sank the last of the seven destroyers with a torpedo which hit the vessel below the bridge.

She lifted into the air and came down in crumbling pieces.

Having destroyed seven enemy destroyers and silenced the shore batteries at the cost of three British destroyers damaged, the British withdrew, leaving Ivanhoe and Kimberley in possession of the fjord.

Later Ivanhoe rescued the survivors of the destroyer Hardy from Ballanger. (Hardy had been sunk in the first battle of Narvik and her survivors landed and formed an expeditionary force on their own).

120 Nazis Surrender

Ivanhoe landed 24 armed men who took control of the hospital and school where Hardy's wounded had been accommodated.

During the night 120 Germans en-

GERMAN ACCUSATION REFUTED

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry declares that the German allegation, contained in a High Command communique, that Britain had opened unrestricted air warfare on Tuesday by attacking undefended places with no military objectives, is unfounded.

The attack on Sylt was directed against the Westerland aerodrome, which is an important military objective and one of the most heavily defended places in Germany.

The Air Ministry adds it will be remembered that on March 17 enemy aircraft dropped bombs in the Orkneys, causing casualties to civilians.—Reuter.

N. W. EXPEDITION

London, To-day.

The War Office announces that the official description of the B.E.F. in Norway is the North-Western Expeditionary Force.—Reuter.

tered the town and promptly surrendered to the 24 British sailors.

The Norwegian authorities were anxious that these Germans should be kept in custody, and when the Ivanhoe party re-embarked they provided the Norwegians — mostly miners — with rifles and ammunition to guard the large party of German prisoners.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NEW BATTLESHIPS

Gothenburg, To-day.

The "Goteborg Posten" expresses special surprise that the whole King George V class of British battleships are already ploughing the seas.—Reuter.

26 GERMAN TRANSPORTS SUNK

London, To-day.

An official spokesman in London, commenting on the German claim that Germany can safely despatch troops and materials to Norway, says that between April 9, when the German troops first landed, and April 22, 26 German transports and supply ships were sunk by Allied action.

Ten others were torpedoed and probably sunk, one was set on fire and four were captured.

Although not all were carrying troops, the lives lost in their destruction must number several thousand.

Three thousand German dead were washed ashore in Oslo Fjord.

Great quantities of arms, ammunition and supplies were also lost to the invaders.—Reuter.

INTERNEE SENTENCED

The case against a Chinese internee, Leung Ting-tsang, 38, charged with attempting to escape from Argyle Street Camp, was concluded before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning, when sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

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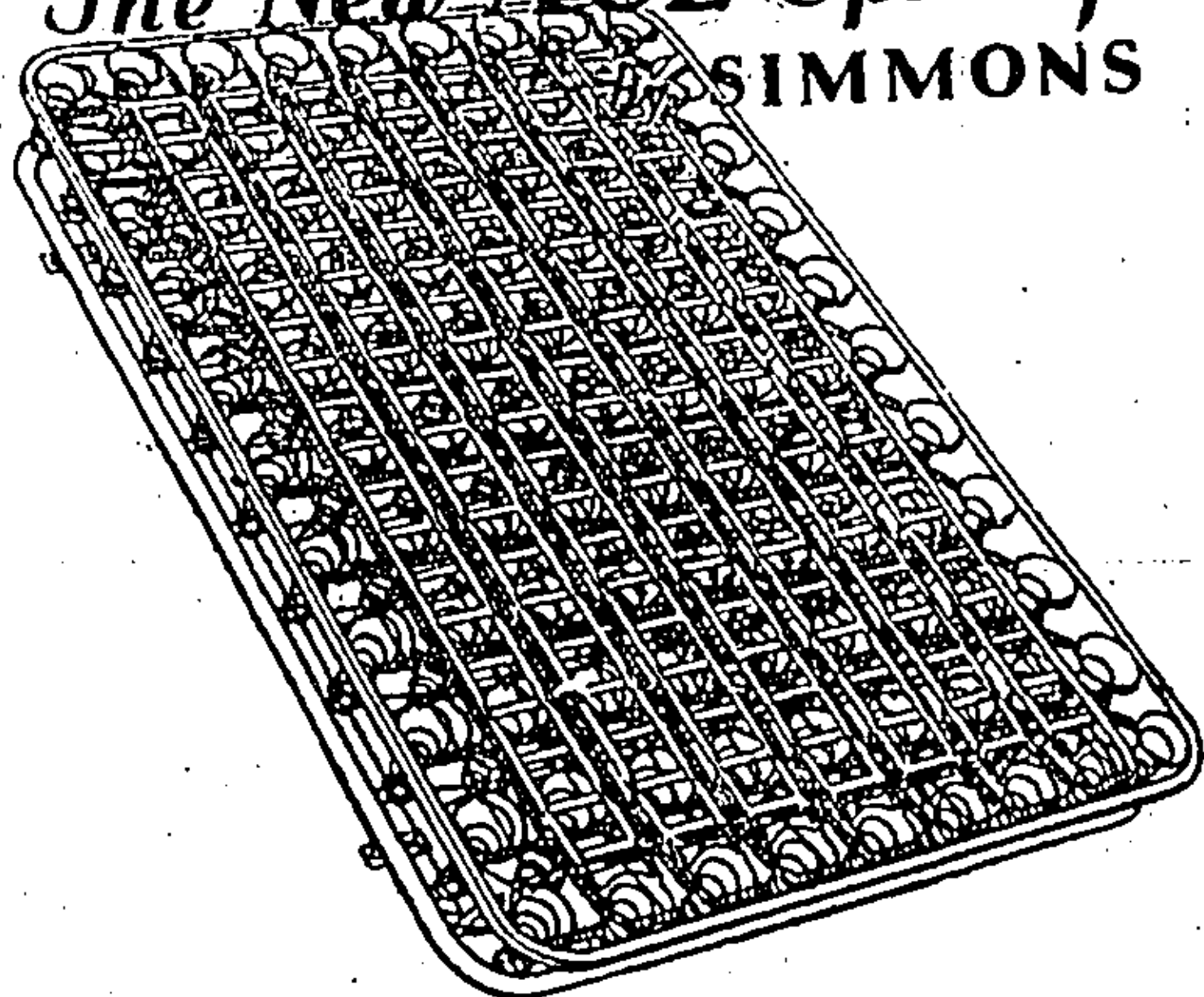
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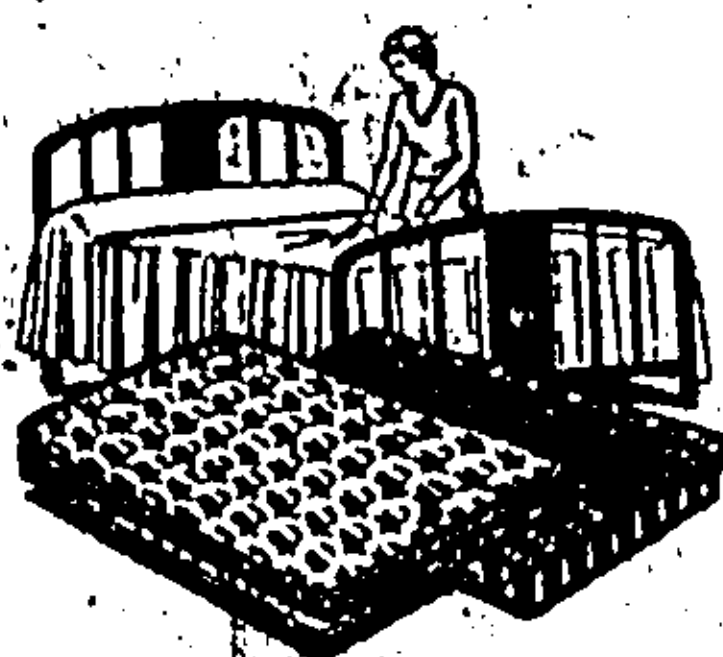
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Officers of the Red Swastika Society, photographed at the opening of the Society's new headquarters. They are Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Li Shih-hao, Mr. Tsai Po-tin, and Mr. Lau Chu-sam.



Taken at the opening of the Red Swastika Society's new headquarters. From right to left are Mr. Li Shih-hao (President), Lady Nothcott, Mr. Y. Y. Yen, and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke.



Snapped at tea when "Y" Ladies met "Y" Men at hockey. Miss Betty Harker is on right.



The start of the 400 metres at the D.B.S. Sports.

TO-DAY'S 'FUNNY' STORY

Chungking Rats And The Publicity Board

'Patriotic In Their Dietary Choice'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

HOW CHUNGKING'S RATS, one of the capital's plagues, turned patriotic and joined the common anti-Japanese front, is recounted in a special bulletin released by the China Information Committee.

Members of the publicity board, it reads, "were about to mobilise the office coolies in a concerted endeavour to kill the dozens of big rats which haunt the office," but it goes on: "To-day, however, there was a very definite shift in the attitude towards rats for these little animals, it was shown, are not only intelligent but patriotic in their dietary choice.

INDUSTRIALS REVIVE ON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

Industrials recovered on the Stock Exchange yesterday after the previous day's hesitance, while gold minings reacted partially. Gilt-edged securities advanced early in the session but failed to hold all gains. More investment inquiry for Indian Government issues was reported.

Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

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"When the air raid alarm sounded and the coolies began moving office equipment into the dugouts, an observing member of the staff noticed that a stack of captured Japanese literature had been well shredded by the hungry rats. Beside it was a stack of Chinese literature, not even molested."

While certain optimistic members of the committee see in the rats' attitude a new instance of the patriotic solidarity shown by various factions in China, forsaking all selfish aims and joining in the national struggle, others, more sceptical, told Havas that such mass absorption of Japanese propaganda may have disastrous effects on the rats' morality and may ultimately lead to the establishment of puppet rule in ratdom!

It is added, however, that as far as human beings are concerned, Japanese propaganda is wholly ineffective.—Havas.

CHUNGKING BOMBING SEASON

Yet Another Visit

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

The bombing season appears to have started in earnest, and the alarm was again sounded at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, when Japanese planes were sighted over the western border of Hupeh proceeding west.

The raiders failed to reach Chungking, however, but flew over Chienkang, in south-east Szechuen, without dropping bombs and then returned to their base.

Many Japanese planes the previous night attacked Paishihy, 13 miles from Chungking, which was the real objective of the raiders.

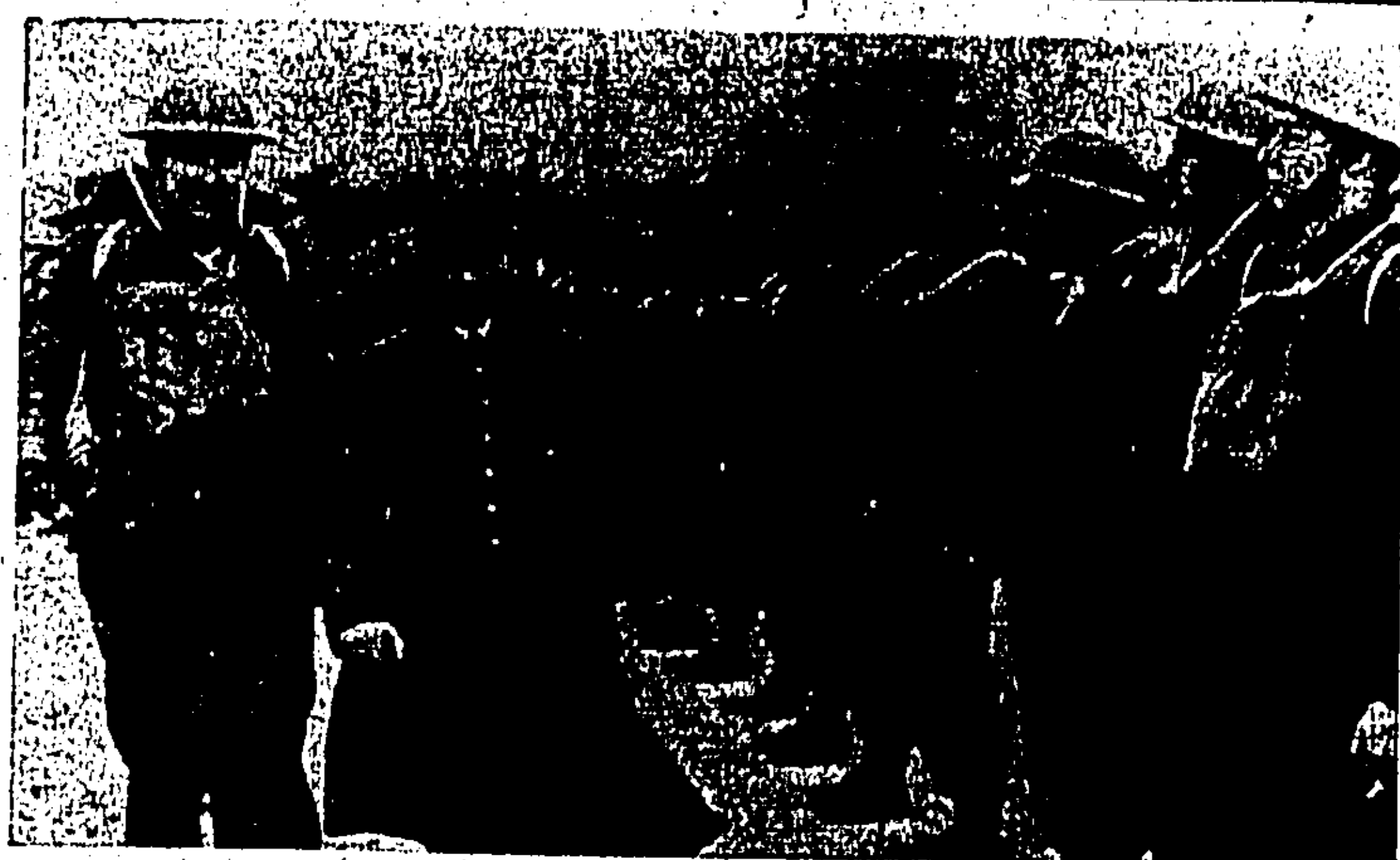
While the Chinese authorities still observe the utmost discretion regarding the night raids, the military spokesman told Havas that the Japanese airmen failed to inflict serious damage on the Paishihy airfield.

The Japanese attack was badly timed as flares dropped by a scouting plane were extinguished by the time the bombs were dropped. The Japanese, the spokesman claimed, missed their mark by a wide margin.—Havas.

NAZI CLAIM DENIED

Paris, To-day.

The Polish Ministry of Information categorically denies the German claim to have torpedoed a Polish destroyer acting with the British Home Fleet.—Reuter.



General Gamelin, the Allied Commander-in-Chief, visiting the French Canadians in their barracks "somewhere in England." Photo shows General Gamelin inspecting the troops.

EXPORT CREDITS GUARANTEES

London, To-day.

Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, parliamentary and financial Secretary to the Admiralty, said in reply to a Commons question yesterday that the export credits guarantee department, on instructions from the Board of Trade, had been actively considering the situation created by war conditions and the question of extending transfer cover at present available to exporters.

It had now been decided to make important extensions to existing facilities.

With a few exceptions the proportion of the transfer risk guarantee would be raised from 75 to 90 per cent and a catastrophe such as war or invasion would be expressly covered.—Reuter.

WARNING OF BOMBS IN AIR CRASH

Ipswich, March 28.

When an R.A.F. bomber crashed into the River Orwell at Ipswich to-day, the first thing its pilot officer did was to warn rescuers to keep clear as the plane was carrying bombs.

When the plane got into difficulties over the town, he had chosen to crash in the river rather than imperil the safety of townsfolk by attempting to land on an open space in the town.

It passed low over the roofs of houses and factories, missed pylons and the tower of Ipswich's main power station by inches, and dived into the River Orwell. The plane was almost submerged. The pilot officer sat nonchalantly on the fuselage while rescuers hurried to the spot.

Arthur William Arnold, of Kelly-road, Ipswich, who went out in a rowing-boat with William Charles Rash, Pickwick-road, to the aid of the plane, said: "When our boat reached the machine the pilot told us to keep clear as it was loaded with bombs."

One of the crew was badly injured.

LIN YU-TANG AND PUPPET

Challenging a Japanese spokesman's statement that certain prominent Chinese leaders in Chungking will shortly join Wang Ching-wei's puppet "National Government" at Nanking, Lin Yu-tang, in a letter to the "China Weekly Review" offers to end his life "if three prominent leaders leave Chungking to join Wang Ching-wei," according to the Shanghai correspondent of the "Lih Pao", widely circulated Hong Kong vernacular tabloid.

U.S. INVOKES NEUTRALITY ACT

Warm Springs (Ga), To-day.

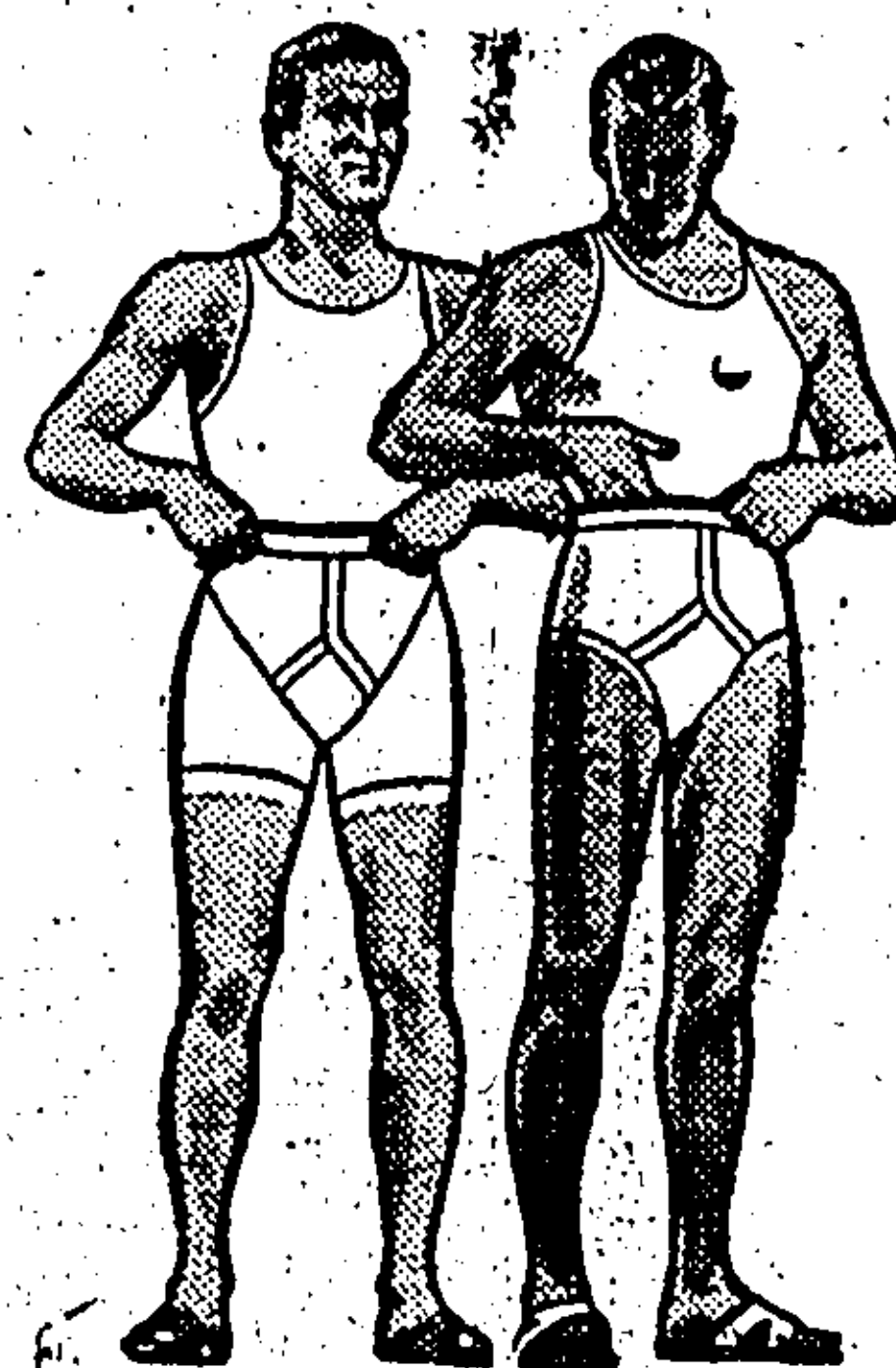
President Roosevelt yesterday proclaimed the existence of a state of war between Germany and Norway, and United States neutrality in the conflict.

President Roosevelt has also issued a proclamation barring submarines of the belligerents from entering American ports and territorial waters. Denmark is not mentioned.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

ACTION FOR COLONIES

German propaganda waged against British imperialism has, in a back-hand way, done a certain service. It has roused the British public to a greater sense of responsibility towards the Empire and to more searching enquiries as to what this imperialism is. On the whole it may be said that Great Britain is as good as any other great imperial Power, in some respects better since British colonial administration has at least the potential virtues of a growing child. But in some areas its faults are all too plain. One serious blemish lay in the West Indies, where the acute economic distress that became apparent in 1938 led to serious disturbances and to the appointment of a Royal Commission under Lord Moyne. Although one can appreciate the various reasons, some as it seems to us good, some bad, which led the Government to decide not to publish the Commission's Report fully in wartime, the nation cannot but regret their decision. Meanwhile the Government is to carry out a considerable number of the Royal Commission's recommendations. But, just as there is room for improvement in our colonial policy there is room for hope, and a definite step forward has been taken in the Government announcement of the new "Development and Welfare Vote." In this connection it will be recalled that in the House of Commons the Secretary of State announced that there cannot be one policy for the Dominions and another for the Colonies; in short, that the policy of H.M. Government was to work gradually but steadily, towards self-government and dominion status for every territorial group in the Empire, however small. The new Vote is a move in the direction. It replaces the "Colonial Development Fund" now limited to a maximum of £1,000,000 per year and will provide assistance to colonial Governments—Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories alike—up to £5,000,000 per year for ten years. The object of the former Fund was to assist schemes for the development of agriculture and industry in the Colonies thereby, promoting trade with industries in the United Kingdom. The new Vote is not only bigger than the former fund but, as the change of title denotes, its objects are wider and more liberal. It is not to be used merely for such economic development as would directly profit Britain; it is to be used for the economic advancement of the territories themselves and for the improvement of social services. The resources of the Vote will not only be available for capital expenditure, thus many overdue improvements in the services, hitherto impossible because of the limited resources of local budgets, will be made possible. Finally, in addition to these enhanced grants the Government is also to set aside \$500,000 per annum for research. The new Vote makes it clear that the Colonies are not to be regarded as merely exploitable wealth but as developing communities.—"Time and Tide."

inauguration on March 30 of the new China central government, will strike at the weak spots of the United States and other Powers who continue their aid to the Chiang Kai-shek regime. Japan and New China must on this occasion take steps to cause annulment of the Nine-Power pact. They must also take necessary steps to end foreign concessions in China.—"Kyushu Nichi Nichi."

A CAUTIOUS NAVAL POLICY

In reporting out the Navy supply bill, the House Appropriations Committee advocated a cautious policy of building up our first line of defence, just as the Naval Affairs Committee has done. The latter group has approved a two-year building programme, instead of the ambitious six-year plan sponsored by the Administration.

A Congress that is struggling to bring Government expenditures into line with revenue cannot consistently lay aside its economy axe when national defence bills are being passed. It must balance the pressing need for curtailment of expenditures with the necessity of reinforcing our strength on the seas in this critical period. If adjustments are made with the same care which the House committee appears to have given to the Navy supply bill, there will be little ground for complaint.—"Washington Post."

INCOME TAX DODGERS

Whatever may be said about the way in which the country's money is spent, there is no doubt that to the ordinary man its collection is an example of true totalitarian efficiency. The small income taxpayer who does not send the Inland Revenue a cheque on the nail gets demands couched in more and more offensive terms until, when he is a single instalment behind, a summons arrives giving him a few days' notice to pay or go to jail no matter how regular his payments may have been beforehand. All the more surprising, therefore, is it to read such a case as that of Jack Abraham Phillips, the West End building promoter, who died at Christmas. His creditors are to meet soon and one of the chief will be the Inland Revenue, who will, it is stated, be claiming over £100,000. If the sum makes one gasp, even more do the circumstances under which it was allowed to accumulate. Phillips, according to the "Daily Express" ran a racing stable and habitually gave Christmas presents amounting to £3,000. His mode of life, in fact, was one of towering extravagance rooted in speculation, and when the war came the whole edifice collapsed. Yet, year after year, the Inland Revenue officials went to him obediently, cap in hand, craving for a few crumbs—which he could then well have spared—from the overloaded table. Now they will have to get what they can, and from all appearances it is not likely to be much. Disgusting as the whole episode is, it would be shocking if it were not so characteristic. When the Treasury myrmidons want to get money out of someone with £500 a year, they behave like vultures. When the sum is £50,000 a year, they coo like any sucking dove. Phillips' case is typical of their leniency with the big fish, and other examples which will at once spring to mind are those of the late Jimmy White, the late Edgar Wallace, and the late Clarence Johnston, once of the famous music-hall partnership. The moral is that the less Sir John Simon talks about sacrifices, and the quicker he gives instructions that the Inland Revenue are to be a harsh officer with the big debtor as with the small States against this nation. But it is one, the better for the country's hoped that the Government, at the morale.—"Truth."

YONAI CRITICISED

The Diet speeches of Premier Yonai and Foreign Minister Arita in regard to Tokyo's American policy gave us an impression that the Government is eager to obtain Washington's understanding at the expense of its own dignity.

Diplomacy for the sake of obtaining understanding may be necessary in certain cases. But no such efforts in the case of the United States will succeed.

Premier Yonai and Foreign Minister Arita added that Japan is fully prepared to meet any economic or armed offensive launched by the United States against this nation. But it is one, the better for the country's hoped that the Government, at the morale.—"Truth."

SWIFT GERMAN ADVANCE NORTH

Threat To Allied Base At Stoeren

LONDON, TO-DAY.

GERMAN CLAIMS TO HAVE SMASHED THROUGH RESISTANCE IN THE OESTERDALEN VALLEY, BORDERING SWEDEN AND CARRYING A RAILWAY BETWEEN OSLO AND TRONDHEIM, APPEAR TO BE SUBSTANTIATED BY REPORTS FROM STOCKHOLM.

The German troops are reported to have advanced so rapidly, using motorised detachments presumably, that they have occupied Roeros, 140 miles north of Elverum, and only 80 miles south of Trondheim.

The German forces are now reported to be advancing from Roeros towards Stoeren, an important railway junction in Allied hands.

Stoeren is the main base of the Allied forces which have been developing a pincer movement against Trondheim from the south, but the number of British forces there is not known.

At the moment, according to the Swedish reports the German troops pressing on towards Stoeren are approximately fifty miles, along the railway, from this junction.

Meanwhile, it is officially admitted in London that the weight of German pressure in the Lillehammer region has compelled the withdrawal of the Allied force from their positions.

War Office Communique

The War Office communique says: "There has been no further fighting north of Trondheim, where the enemy now appears to be digging in just north of Steinkjer."

"In the south, increasing enemy pressure has necessitated the withdrawal of Allied forces from positions they previously held near Lillehammer."

"In the Narvik area there is nothing to report."—Reuter.

Trap At Narvik

LONDON, TO-DAY.

According to a Swedish correspondent, Steinkjer was heavily bombarded up to late Wednesday night. The Germans here are supported by tanks and armoured cars, as well as three warships which are now bottled up in the Trondheim fjord by the British Navy.

At Narvik, the Germans are said to have fallen into a similar trap to that which caught the Russians in Finland.

The Norwegians fell back for 18 miles and Nazi detachments followed them. The Norwegians then surrounded them and sniped at them, and the Germans, after holding out for six days surrendered, after 150 had been picked off.

In addition to capturing automatic weapons, etc., the Norwegians, by this manoeuvre, reduced the Nazi force at Narvik by 2,000.—Reuter.

Steinkjer Fighting

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

Heavy firing was continuing late on Wednesday night in the Steinkjer area between advanced British units and heavily armed German troops supported by tanks and armoured cars, according to the "Aftonbladet."

The paper adds the Germans were supported by the guns of a light cruiser and two destroyers which penetrated the innermost part of Trondheim fjord.—Reuter.

War Office Gives Facts

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The War Office announces that reverts to the effect that the British force in Norway has been cut to pieces and forced to withdraw in

disorder is a distortion of the facts.

The account presumably relates to the incident already referred to in recent communiques.

The facts are:—An advanced detachment of a larger force pushed forward towards Trondheim from the direction of Namsos. The Germans, moving reinforcements by water inside the Trondheim fjord, threatened to cut off these advanced troops from their main body. They, therefore, withdrew but were not followed up by the enemy who are now reported to be digging in at the head of the fjord. Our troops suffered some loss."—British Wireless.

Defence Holding

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

At Steinkjer the Allies are stated to be allowing the Germans to expend their strength on attempts to storm strong positions.

The Namsos correspondent of the "Allehand" says the Allied defence lines just over a mile north of Steinkjer are holding out grimly against a wave of German attacks.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S CHIEF FEAR

BASLE, TO-DAY.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" says Berlin fears nothing more than the stabilisation of the northern front and the creation of a permanent secondary area in which German forces will be squandered.

The usefulness of the new harbour bases will be diminished and the Germans' situation will become increasingly critical.

The attack on Norway, far from intimidating the smaller states, has encouraged them to increase their defensive measures.

The example of the determination of the Norwegian Government and the rapid intervention of the Western Powers contributed greatly to this moral effect, to which is added the impression among the neutrals that the invasion of Denmark and Norway implied a weakening rather than an increase of German power.—Reuter.

MALMO EVACUATION INSTRUCTIONS

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

Detailed instructions for the evacuation of Malmo were broadcast yesterday.—Reuter.

DROVE 180 NAZIS TO DEATH

LONDON, TO-DAY.

Among the tales of Norwegian heroism the latest is the most spectacular.

Three Norwegian bus drivers drove their vehicles over a precipice and lost their lives—but so did 180 Germans who were in the buses.—Reuter.

TURNING TO ALLIES

GOTHENBURG, TO-DAY.

The newspaper "Ny Tid" says: "The German flying over of Sweden and the repeated forced landings are due to the fact that there are no secure landing places in Norway and Denmark, and hence the Nazi planes are flying from bases in North Germany."

"We must use weapons to defend our neutrality else our independence is lost. The number of democratic countries turning their eyes to the Allies as saviours is becoming greater."—Reuter.

BRITISH NAVAL CASUALTIES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The Admiralty has issued a list of casualties recently sustained in the battlecruiser Rodney and the destroyers Eclipse and Hotspur—two of which were hit by German bombing attacks.

Sixteen were killed or died of wounds in Hotspur, seven were wounded in Rodney and three were killed, one died of wounds and two were wounded in Eclipse.—Reuter.

GERMAN BLITZKRIEG THWARTED

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

The "Boston Globe" declares: "Even the fog of confusion owing to conflicting reports and official censorship does not hide the fact that the German blitzkrieg in Norway has been thwarted inasmuch as the quick victory the assault was intended to reach has not been won."

"To-day, two weeks after the first attack, the German troops in Norwegian ports have not been able to establish contact with one another and have not been able to make a really vital advance inland from the coast."

"This inability to expand the attack to the utmost must be attributed to an insufficient supply of fresh troops and new supplies."—Reuter.

DUTCH WAR STRENGTH

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

In future not more than one-tenth of the 350,000 men serving in the armed forces will be on leave at one time.

This is the effect of a new scheme which has been put into operation. Before the recent cancellation of all leave, one-seventh of the total strength could be away at one time.

The potential strength of the army, navy and air force combined is estimated to be 800,000.—Reuter.



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BUT DID IL DUCE DISAPPROVE?

Rome, To-day.

"THIS WAR WILL EXTEND until it becomes a war of peoples against a world of hoarders," declared Signor Giunta, in a sensational speech last night, at a meeting of the Chamber of Fasces and Corporations.

Signor Giunta was bitterly critical of both Britain and France, and he expressed scepticism regarding the real friendship for Italy of Britain.

ALLIED ORDERS IN U.S.A.

Washington, To-day.
Contracts for \$200,000,000 worth of American aeroplanes and engines have been signed within the past fortnight. It was announced by the Allied Purchasing Mission yesterday.

The contracts included large quantities of Bell and Curtiss pursuit planes and Douglas bombers, as well as Allison-Wright and Pratt-Whitney engines. — Reuter.

FIGHTERS ENGAGE THE R.A.F.

London, To-day.
In connection with the R.A.F. raid on the German air base on Stavanger on Wednesday, it is now learned that the British planes were engaged for the first time by the enemy.

Several Messerschmidts came up, but the raiders got away with their task completed.

The landing speed of Messerschmidts is so great that they are seldom used at night.

It is learned authoritatively that during the raid on Stavanger early on Wednesday the British bombers met Messerschmidt fighters for the first time at night, encountering several of the Nazi planes.

It is also stated that a number of enemy planes on the ground flamed up after bombs were dropped from a low level and were seen to be still blazing after the raiders had left. — Reuter.

ILL RETURN FOR HOSPITALITY

Lei Pui-ling, a young married woman, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, charged with stealing a quantity of jewellery and clothing from No. 44, Tai Yuen Street on Wednesday.

Defendant, a relative of the victim, was asked to stay at the house for a night, and she left next morning with jewellery.

Defendant was remanded for consideration of sentence.

MOTOR ACCIDENT

Tang Ho was yesterday admitted to Kowloon Hospital with head injuries after he had been knocked down by a private car in Castle Peak Road

In the course of the speech he declared that Britain's "might is beginning to be placed in doubt."

"Why," he asked, "should not Italy solve the problem of her security in the Mediterranean which is compromised by the dominating presence of the British Fleet there?"

He added: "This question is also the preoccupation of other countries."

Giunta also declared: "France, we should never forget, has always been opposed to us. Never more than at the present time should Italians follow the command of Il Duce: 'Believe, obey, fight!'"

No particular significance is attached in Rome to Giunta's speech.

Not Approved?

Signor Mussolini, who was in the Chamber at the time is reported to have looked surprised while Count Dino Grandi, President of the Chamber, former Italian Ambassador in London, was heard to murmur words which sounded like: "No, no, comrade!" — Reuter.

BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNS

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian Cabinet has resigned after a vote on the education budget. It is purely an internal matter.

The resignation followed the passing of the Budget by 120 votes to 45, with 15 abstentions, but all members of the Liberal group in the Chamber, excepting two, including M. Jaspar, the Minister of Public Health, voted against it.

It is believed this was owing to their disapproval of the Government's policy in regard to the linguistic question.

The Liberal party hold three out of 14 seats in the Cabinet and a total of 33 seats in the Chamber of 202 members. — Reuter.

The Liberals opposed the proposal of the Minister for Education to put duplicate employees in certain high posts of the Department, where the present holder speaks only one of Belgium's national languages.

M. Pierlot made the matter a question of confidence. — Reuter.

SEEING KING TO-DAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

The Premier, M. Pierlot, is seeing the King to-day.

The resignation is not connected with the international situation. — Havas.

yesterday, driven by Mr. Rustan Tahangier, of the China Light and Power Company.



The unloading of the captured German ship "Uhenfels" (7603 tons) which has been brought into London dock. She was captured by one of our cruisers in the South Atlantic after being spotted by aircraft from the Ark Royal. Her name had been painted over by a Dutch name. (Copyright, Fox).

PRESIDENT GIVEN NEW POWERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BANKING COMMITTEES, AT A JOINT SESSION YESTERDAY, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE PROJECT AIMING AT GIVING THE PRESIDENT POWERS TO APPLY A BAN ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF CREDITS HELD IN THE UNITED STATES ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS.

The action was taken in order to prevent aggressor nations from scratching their victims' holdings in the United States.

It is recalled that President Roosevelt has already taken steps forbidding the withdrawal without permission of credits belonging to the Governments and nationals of Denmark and Norway. — Havas.

PARKING OFFENCES

Mr. R. R. W. Ashby, of Dodwell & Company, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for parking his car in Chater Road for more than two hours.

It was alleged that defendant's car was in the park from 12.47 p.m. to 5.10 p.m. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Mr. A. R. Kinross, of Imperial Chemical Industries, was fined \$2 for leaving his car unattended in Chater Road on April 12.

YOUTH TAKES OPIUM

A 17-year-old boy, from the Garrison Sergeants' Mess, was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday, suffering from opium poisoning. It is alleged that he attempted to commit suicide.

SWEDISH ATTITUDE TO GERMANY

Stockholm, To-day

Dealing with the German attitude vis-a-vis Sweden, the Swedish newspaper "Social Demokraten" asks whether Germany is incapable of understanding Sweden's natural reaction towards the invasion of her neighbour, Norway?

Swedish feelings are quite spontaneous, says the paper, and are not the result of foreign propaganda.

Concerning Nazi denials that civilians had been fired on, the paper says that new light was thrown on the subject by the machine-gunning of Swedish ships within Swedish territorial waters.

The "Social Demokraten" says that it will not be prevented from publishing news it considers true just because this news is a stain on Germany. — Reuter.

NAZI PROPAGANDA STATION

London, To-day.

Asked about the "New British Broadcasting Company," Sir Keith Reith, Minister of Information, said yesterday that the station appeared to be operating east of Britain. It was putting out Nazi propaganda but it was difficult to put it out of action. — Reuter.

FIVE DETECTIVES HURT IN EXPLOSION

Dublin, To-day.

It is officially stated that five detectives were injured, but not seriously, in the bomb explosion in Dublin Castle early yesterday. — Reuter.

News Snack Bar

DARTMOOR FUGITIVE HAS A FLAT IN SOHO: BODYGUARD PROTECTS MAN WITH A NEW FACE

London, April 9.

"RUBY" SPARKS, the man who escaped from Dartmoor on January 10 and has created a record by remaining at liberty for 14 weeks, has been living in a flat in Soho.

He has another "hide-out" at Slough, Buckinghamshire, where one of his closest friends, a smash-and-grab raider, recently took a house. The two men have been seen together in Soho clubs and public-houses.

A man who knows Sparks and his associates well gave this information yesterday. I have every reason to believe his statement.

MOTHER WISHED IT

Many admirers of Gracie Fields, on learning of her decision to marry Monty Banks in Hollywood, have asked: "Why couldn't they get married here instead of in America?"

Gracie herself supplied the answer.

It was Gracie's mother, Mrs. Stansfield, who urged them to marry in Hollywood, so that she could attend the wedding.

Nudist Club Charge

A woman, who, it was alleged at the Old Bailey, had been assaulted, said she had become a member of a nudist club in North London when she was a teacher in gymnastics there.

She was Miss Greta Heertjes, and Frank Aubrey Sabine, aged thirty-six, an engineer, was charged with assaulting her.

Without calling on the defence the jury stopped the case Sabine was found not guilty and discharged.

Pope's Air Raid

Shelter

Air-raid precautions are being carried out at the Vatican. A special air-raid shelter for the Pope is being prepared in an ancient tower which was built in the fifth century by Pope Nicholas V.

The tower has walls 27ft. thick. An armoured safety room is being prepared near the Pope's private apartments.

M.P. Wants Cabinet

Football Match

When Mr. Oliver Stanley told M.P.s that the return football match between British and French Armies might be played in London next year, Mr. Will Thorne asked, amid laughter, if he would arrange a football match between the two Cabinets.

But Champagne

Is 3d.

Paris's first day without spirits passed off with little hardships to Parisians. They managed to assuage their thirst with several hundred varieties of wine and beers. Champagne at 2d. to 3d. a glass served as a substitute for the usual brandy or spirit.

Under new war decrees spirits are banned on certain days.



"New Yorker."

sell information to the police — have been offered good rewards for information leading to the capture of Sparks.

Nobody has dared to "split."

"Some have been threatened with violence if they dare open their mouths to the police," Mr. X said to me.

Several recent big jewellery raids are said to have been the work of Sparks. He is believed to be planning more.

An identification parade was held at Bow-street police station yesterday to try to pick out men concerned in a Regent-street smash-and-grab raid a fortnight ago.

The police think that if they track down the men concerned in that raid they may secure information which will lead them to Sparks.

Vicar-Friend

Of Royalty

The Rev. Joseph Llewellyn Thomas, who made a hobby of friendship with kings and princes, and who often visited the ex-Kaiser at Doorn, has died aged eighty-seven at Pontneath-vaughan, Glamorgan.

Thieves Take Three

Beehives-With Bees

Three beehives have been stolen from a colony of hives at Padnor, near Chesham, Bucks.

The hives were taken complete with bees, and although bees are not very active at this time of the year, it is thought that they must have been expertly handled.

Queen Elizabeth

Man Hurt

Knocked down in the street by a taxicab, Joseph Hogan, aged, fifty-five, one of the crew of the liner Queen Elizabeth, is now in hospital in New York.

He is suffering from internal injuries.

Never Saw Film, Heard

Radio Dies at 104

Mr. William John Warnes, aged 104, a native of Suffolk, England has died at Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He had never smoked, drank, gone to the pictures or listened to the radio.

It was not until he was 104 that he had his first ride in a car.

He went to Australia in 1887.—Reuter.

The Sergeant Has

Nearly 90 Medals

If Sergeant Jack Carroll, of the East Yorkshire Regiment, hung all his medals on his breast he would make Herman Goering look like a poor beginner.

They are, of course, not all military decorations. Eighty-four he won, together with nine cups as an Army athlete.

Now Sergeant Carroll, thirty-eight, is home on leave at Third-street, Netherton Colliery, near Morpeth (Northumberland) after nearly twenty-one years' service abroad.

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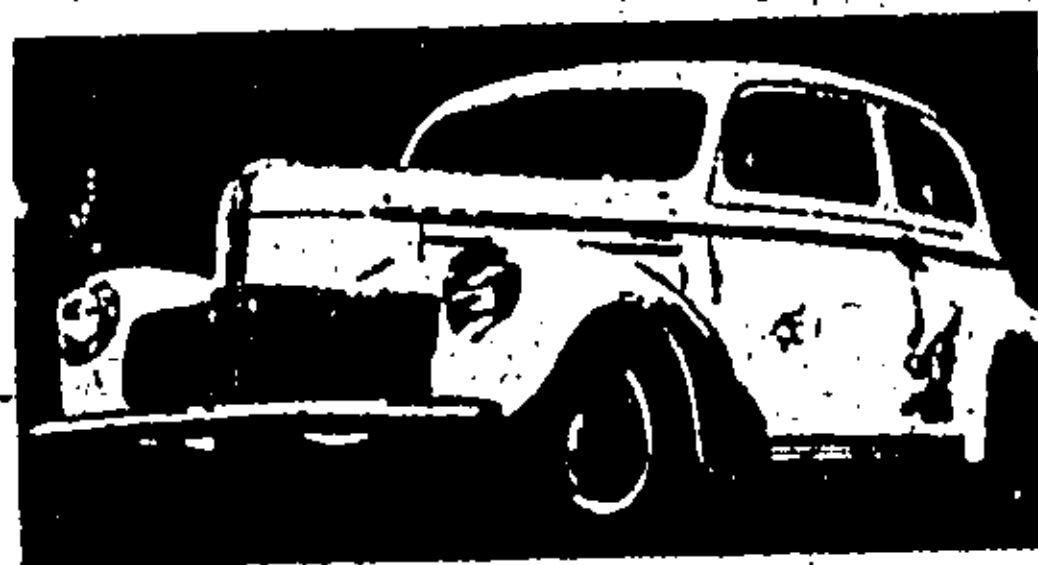
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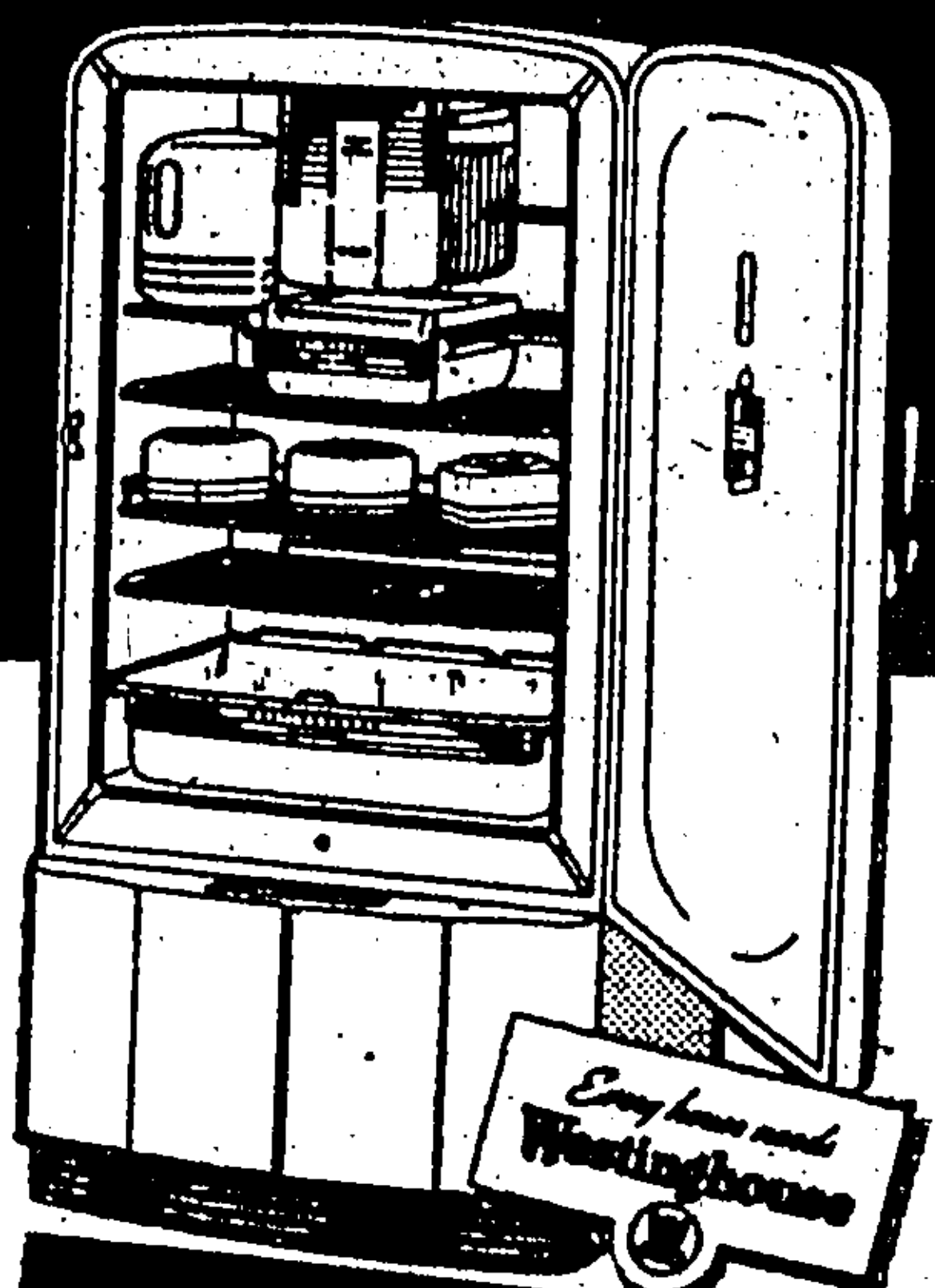
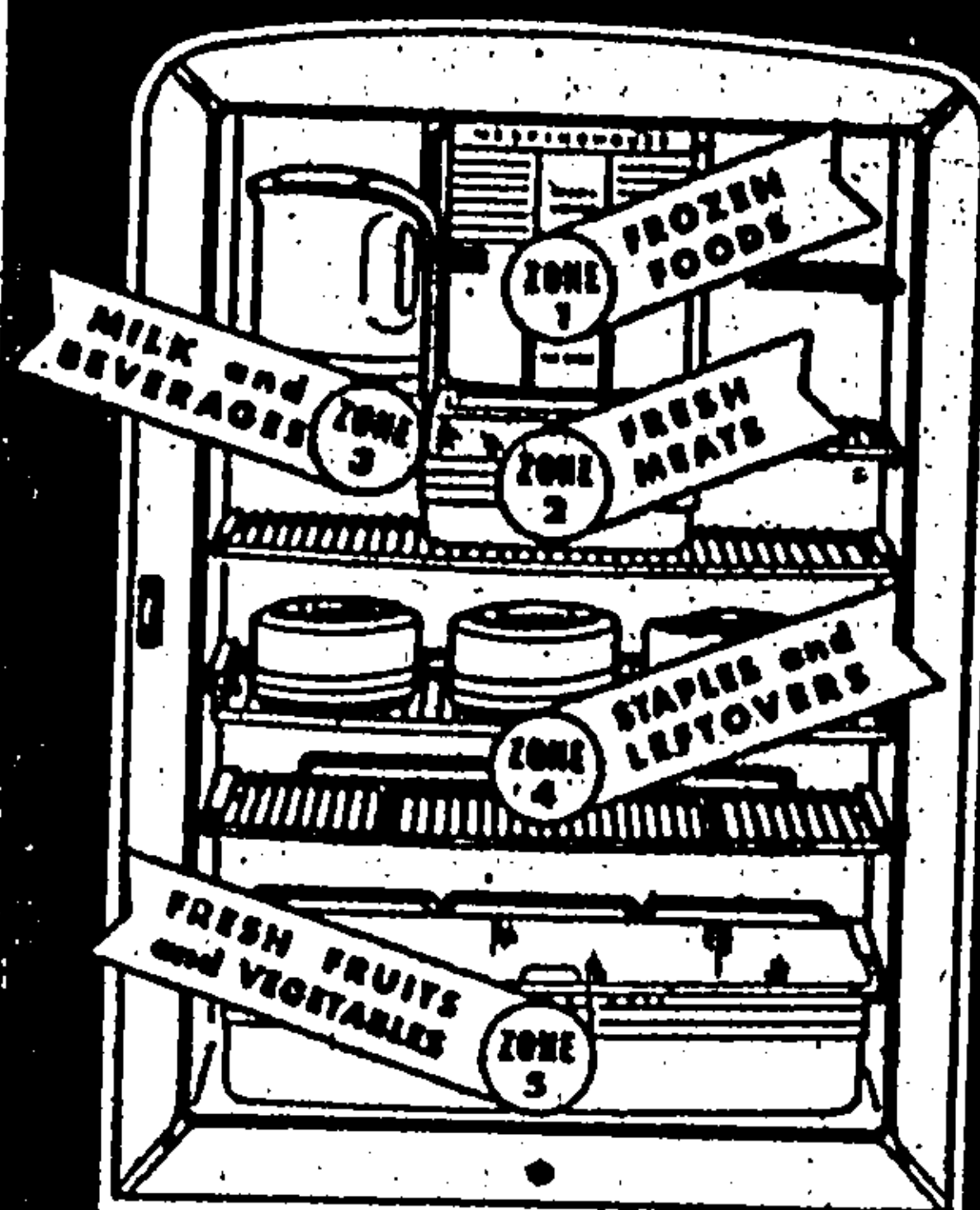


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SHORT STORY

S.O.S.

MESSAGE

By
L. C. Douthwaite

A persistent, if small-time criminal since childhood, Inky Briggs had spent almost as much time in prison as in freedom. Then, following six months for the theft of a suitcase from St. Pancras Railway Station, it occurred to him that, to avoid being listed as an 'habitual' — that would mean a long period of police "detention" after his next conviction — it would be as well to change his sphere of action.

So he bought himself the job of deckhand on a New York bound freighter from Cardiff, skipped his ship within an hour of berthing, and two days later was arrested by an Irish policeman for picking pockets in Central Park on the afternoon before. And it was while he was under remand that he struck up an acquaintance with one 'Fog' Kennedy.

"I'll be out of here to-morrow," that self-assured gangster promised confidently. "Then I'll set about fixing your get-away."

Sure enough, at the hearing of the case against Inky three days later, two elaborately-suited but cold-eyed men whom he had never seen in his life before, swore that at the material time the Englishman was with them in a pool-room on East 39th Street, and so the case against the prisoner was dismissed.

Fog Kennedy was waiting outside, and that same night introduced Inky to Smoothface Gambrini, who was chief-of-staff to the great Dan Fenoughty himself. An hour or so later, the little Cockney found himself sworn in as general choreman and gunman-in-prospect to the gang. And for a matter of months, with more money to spend than ever in his life before, and only enough work to keep him pleasantly occupied, Inky was sitting on top of the world.

Then, quite suddenly, the situation changed. In spite of a new and disconcertingly insistent clamour from Press and public suggesting the advisability of a temporary lay-off in hi-jacking, the night came when, an automatic pistol wavering in a damp-palmed hand, and in company with several keenly watchful members of the gang, the newly-christened 'Limey' discovered himself cowering in a roadside ditch on the New Jersey side. The moment for action at hand, moreover, Fog Kennedy dug the muzzle of an automatic into the small of his back, and ordered him to 'go to it.'

What followed immediately after the lorry drew up alongside was worse, even, than Inky's nightmares had pictured. To the loudly-expressed annoyance of the hi-jackers, and the frozen terror of the latest-joined recruit, the battle was joined, not between the Fenoughty gang and the Bowery Boys, but between the first-named and a carefully selected squad of Federal Police. The upshot was that, out-numbered and out-manoeuvred, and with one of their members uninjured, but half fainting, in the hands of the enemy, the Fenoughty gang took to the woods with speed and determination.

With business only intended, and a result that was extremely gratifying to the newly-awakened public conscience, they third degreed Inky for more than an hour, and within that same time the grapevine brought word to the Fenoughty gang that "Limey" had 'gypped.'

It was two or three days later that, light eyes steely, his mouth a thin line above an out-thrust jaw, Dan Fenoughty passed unchallenged through the prison where Inky was under remand, and made directly for the office of the Warden who, because he was dependent for some seven-tenths of his income on his visitor, greeted him with deferential cordiality. Fenoughty, however, brushed these pleasantries aside.

"That (something-or-other) little Limey the Federals pulled in Thursday," he said curtly.

Slowly, comprehensively, the Warden nodded.

"Sure," he said. "What of him?"

"I'm bailing him out," Fenoughty announced, and in the silence that followed the Warden's eyes remained fixed expressionlessly on the stationery-rack in front of him.

"Half-after-two to-day?" he suggested at last, wide face still expressionless.

Fenoughty nodded.

"That'll do fine," he agreed and turned. "I'll be seein' you," he said, and left.

With, by this, an exact knowledge of gangsterdom's reaction to the unforgivable sin of "gypping," nothing of what had gone before affected Inky to anything like the same extent as did the announcement that he was free to leave, and further, that they were seeing he did so. That left him only the time taken by the signing of the necessary authority, and his passage to the outer world, to think out his chances.

He decided that, to protect the Warden, what was planned was unlikely to occur immediately outside the prison. They would, he expected, follow to the McDougal rooming-house, and either break into his room there, or, from the window of the building opposite, get him as he came out. Alternatively, an automobile might speed past. His interior feeling as if in the grip of sudden frost, he realised that for some small part of the way, at least, he would just have to take his chance—and a mighty small chance at that.

So it was with an infinity of caution that Inky passed out of the prison gates — to 'freedom'—and on the side-walk, all the worst of his many fears realised, jerked to a halt.

For there, across the way, narrow shoulders supporting the wall, cigarette drooping from lips so thin it was surprising it was not cut in two, lounged Fog Kennedy himself.

As swiftly, but blindly, Inky took the direction he happened to be facing, it was no reassurance that Fog was talking him; nor that at a footpace in the rear of the gunman followed a familiar grey-green car.

His agile Cockney brain working under forced draught, suddenly Inky was seized with inspiration. Fifty yards farther on was the Bon Ton Cigar Store, and with Carl Henius, the proprietor, one of the Fenoughty 'connections,' Inky knew him well. If that Grecian-Hebrew had not been told of the Limey gypping, chances were pretty good.

That haven-in-prospect reached, Inky made a quick dive inside. A startled look on the flattened, putty-coloured face, the Greek looked up.

"The bulls are after me. Hi," Inky shouted breathlessly, shot round the counter, and through the door at the back, down a short passage to the yard, over a boundary wall, and into the lane that, to the right, joined a thoroughfare almost as narrow as itself.

He moved still swiftly until he came to a taxi that took him to his bank—he had lived sparsely since landing, and the gang had been contemptuously generous. From the bank, in the same taxi to the docks, and here chance lined up with his wildest dreams. Blue Peter flying, he recognised the dingy red-banded funnel and rusty freeboard of the Oslo, wherein he had bribed his way from Cardiff. Better luck still, Evan Williams, the boss, chief beneficiary in the deal, was aboard.

Three weeks later, relieved but still trepidous, Inky was back on his old stamping ground.

As opposed to the several more widely-publicised ones that had gone before, the new Mayoral-cum-Federal crime-drive was real and earnest, and it was due directly to the information furnished by Inky that several of the more reliable of Fenoughty's 'nice boys' were arrested on the capital charge. Further, this time bail was refused, and witnesses not only isolated, but protected. And, not content, apparently, with these comparatively insignificant fish, the Federal authorities issued a warrant for Fenoughty. True, with a complete absence of evidence on any graver charge,

the indictment was only that of income-tax evasion, but with this as excuse for what lay behind, conviction would mean anything up to fifteen years in the pen.

Until then, with even his murders just matters of 'business' that might happen to anybody, Fenoughty had not realised his own potentiality for hate. But now, as disaster piled on disaster, he may be said to have discovered himself. When, secretly by night and with false passports, he was smuggled aboard the Jeanne d'Arc, French freighter homeward-bound for Marseilles via Liverpool, he was less a man than a devil incarnate. All the more so as it became so immediately obvious that there was neither room nor necessity for hi-jacking in England, and thus his occupation was gone.

But in the days before prohibition opened the golden road to gangsterdom in his own country, Fenoughty had been a heist-guy of some eminence. Now, forced into his old profession, he selected a jeweller's shop in Liverpool for his come-back, and in making a frenzied getaway on the night of that ill-advised raid, was obliged to shoot a policeman and one of the civilians who raced to capture him.

Fresh from a land so much less parochial in outlook, Fenoughty was astounded at the stir caused by what he regarded as the only inevitable corollary to escape. And as he was confronted everywhere he went with his own photograph, and the announcement of a reward for his apprehension, he made his devious way south to London. After all, it was there that his real object awaited him—his 'nice boys' had traced the taxi that carried Limey to the 'Oslo.'

With no illusion as to what would be Fenoughty's reaction to ruin, Inky's life in London was both secret, and unenviable. With the wireless set he had taken over from the outgoing tenant as the only solace for loneliness, he ventured out only for a nightly call at the 'local.'

What, however, he forgot to remember, was his habit of holding up Somers Town to the Fenoughty gang as the delectable land that his own homesickness painted it, and the facts concerning his 'nice boys' past history are part of the boss-gangster's stock-in-trade.

It was to the strains of the wireless to which it was his landlady's infuriating habit to listen in during his absence, that on his return from the "Wait-for-the-Wagon" Inn public house, Inky threw open the door of his room. And there, at ease in Inky's own chair, a smile on the thin lips and an expression behind the cold eyes that turned the Cockney's interior to ice and his knees to jelly, was Dan Fenoughty.

"Shut the door, Limey," the American said pleasantly.

Inky attempted to speak, but for a long time failed.

"Why—why—how are you, Dan?" he contrived hoarsely at last from somewhere back in his throat.

His smile undeviating, Fenoughty nodded appreciatively.

"Now, that's what I call just fine!" he exclaimed.

Inky gulped.

"Ow d'yer mean, fine, Dan ole man?" he stammered, finding no reassurance in his quick glance about the room.

"That you should be so blamed anxious about my health, when you're due for such a sudden and immediate breakdown of your own," the gangster explained, and it occurred to Inky to wonder that any human eye could be so exactly resplendent of that of a snake.

Unhurriedly, Fenoughty got to his feet.

Now the moment had come, Inky, throwing everything to the winds but his own stark fear, cast himself at Fenoughty's feet — pleading, imploring. He could have done nothing to please the gangster more. Within reason, then, there was no use in cutting it short; it was what he was there for. But at last, he checked the

spate by a glance at his wrist-watch. "You've just three minutes before I stick the heat into you," he said, and at the moment when he felt the circle of steel pressed into his neck, Inky must have passed into a blind spot of unconsciousness.

It was a voice that aroused him eventually, and not that of Dan Fenoughty.

"Before the news," the voice announced throatily, "there is one S.O.S. message. Will George Alfred Briggs, last heard of in Somers Town about four years ago, go at once to the Royal Hospital for Women, Pimlico, where his mother, Mrs. Emily Maud Briggs, is lying dangerously ill."

He was crouched so rigidly already that the sudden stiffening of the body passed unheeded by the gangster—as did the tightening of the clasp about Fenoughty's ankles.

Even when, jerked so suddenly and instantaneously, the gangster's feet shot from under him, he made no protest — probably because, his head had struck the angle of the fender.

Eagerly, Inky scrambled to his feet; retrieved the pistol that, in falling from a suddenly nervous hand, had slithered six feet away. Those relics of a long-passed prosperity, the threadbare plush curtains, were caught back by worsted cords, and in his voyages Inky had acquired a working knowledge of knots.

The door locked carefully behind him, he clattered down the stairs, and made at speed for the nearest telephone booth.

"Put me through," he said levelly to the Scotland Yard operator who replied to his ring, "to Inspector Carter," and following some argument, the voice of that friendly enemy came through.

"Why, Inky, I thought you were the biggest of the big shots in New York!" the inspector greeted him.

"Lissen, Mr. Carter." If self-consciously American, Inky's voice was urgent. "That killer, Dan Fenoughty, there's been all the talk about. Do you want him?"

The reply was immediate, and not without a certain repressed excitement.

"I'll say we do, Inky. Any information about him?"

Not without due appreciation for the dramatic values, Inky paused impressively before replying.

"I've got 'im 'ere," he said. "Tied up in a parcel—in my apartment."

This time the silence was from the other end of the line.

"You talking turkey, Inky, or just trying to be funny?" Carter demanded in a strained voice.

"I'm not arguin', I'm tellin' yer. I gottim 'ere," Inky insisted, and gave the address. "Tried to put one over me in N'York," he explained; "followed me to 'ere—and pulled a gun on me—"

The detective's voice broke into the pause that followed—

"And then?" he asked, and Inky wasted a nonchalant shrug.

"Well, 'o course," he said sternly. "I wasn't goin' to 'ave that! So I just knocked 'is 'and aside and let 'im 'ave it—wham!—left an' right, right on the button. Down Dan went and down 'e stayed. So I just tied 'im up, like—an'—well, there 'e is!"

The main point, at least, of this, must have carried conviction, for now the C.I.D. man's voice was brisk.

"Good work, Inky, and we won't forget it—Hang about for a few minutes, and I'll be right over with you."

Inky, however, shook his head.

"Sorry, Mr. Carter, 'an all that," he said decisively, "but not for a couple of hours or so, you won't, because I got a date. 'Owever, you'll find the key of my room under the mat, so you'll be able to collect Fenoughty all right."

"Why — where're you going?" Carter's voice was quick with suspicion, but Inky did not hesitate.

"I'm going at once," he stated gratefully, "to the General Women's Hospital, Pimlico, where my mother, Mrs. Emily Maud Briggs, is lyin' dangerously ill."

*Heist-guy. Burglar.

EMPIRE CEREMONIES

Anzac Day Commemorations In London

Mr. S.M. Bruce, On New and Greater Efforts

London, To-day.

THE LANDING OF THE ANZACS in Gallipoli was commemorated yesterday by wreaths on the Cenotaph and by a church service and subsequently by a British Empire Service League luncheon presided over by Field-Marshal Lord Milne, at which a number of Gallipoli veterans, including Field-Marshal Lord Birdwood, General Sir Ian Hamilton and four recipients of the Victoria Cross were present.

Special reference was made to the gallantry of their then Turkish foes and mention of the Turkish commander was received with cheers.

Mr. Stanley Bruce, Australian High Commissioner, quoted telegrams exchanged yesterday between the Australian and New Zealand commanders and the Turkish army, which were received with enthusiasm.

Mr. Bruce said that Australians in the last war fought the Turks like hell and conceived for them great admiration and respect.

Mr. Bruce pointed out that in the last war, with a population of under five millions, Australia had sent 450,000 troops, and the Dominions as a whole had sent over one million.

POPULATION INCREASES

Since then Australia's population had also greatly increased. This meant a corresponding increase in the military contribution which the Dominions were able to make in the present war.

Moreover, in the last war, Australia contributed 600 flying officers who brought down 300 enemy planes, but under the Empire air scheme for the present war, the Australian contribution would be 14,000 pilots, 16,000 other members of air crews and 27,000 ground personnel.

Net effect of this would be a total of 30,000 Australian flying officers as against 600 in the last war.

DETERMINING FACTORS

Similar progress had been made in Canada, with a much greater population than Australia, and also in New Zealand and South Africa, and there could be no doubt that the contribution of the combined Dominions to the war effort would be even more effective than in 1914/18.

Mr. Bruce believed that the Dominions and other parts of the Empire would again be one of the determining factors in achieving victory for the Allies.—Reuter.

MEMBER OF SNATCHER GANG JAILED

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on Li Siu-wai, 19, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for snatching a handbag from a Chinese girl yesterday.

Det. Sergt. V. Morrison said the incident took place in Morrison Hill Road at about 12.30 p.m. yesterday. Defendant was a member of a well known gang in Wanchai.

STABBED IN BACK

A young Chinese, Ng Tim, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday for stab wounds in the back, alleged to have inflicted in a fight at Tai Nam Street yesterday. Ng is in a serious condition.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone remains over the Pacific to the east of Japan, and a weak anticyclone appears to be form-

N'F'LAND CONTINGENT ARRIVES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF NEWFOUNDLANDERS HAS ARRIVED IN BRITAIN AND WAS WELCOMED BY MR. ANTHONY EDEN.

They were accompanied by a further contingent of Canadians.

Mr. Eden, after referring to their traditions of the last war, said that they were again showing their readiness to serve voluntarily in a noble cause. Many were already in the R.A.F., and some had flown over Germany; Newfoundland lumberjacks and sailors were already in Britain engaged on tasks vital to the war effort.

The Newfoundlanders are all volunteers and will serve with the Royal Artillery in a unit which, Mr. Eden assured them, would bear the name of their country.

The gunners numbered 400. A total of 1,375 have been recruited and when the full complement arrives they will form two regiments of heavy artillery.—Reuter.

ANZACS AT FIELD DAY

CAIRO, TO-DAY.

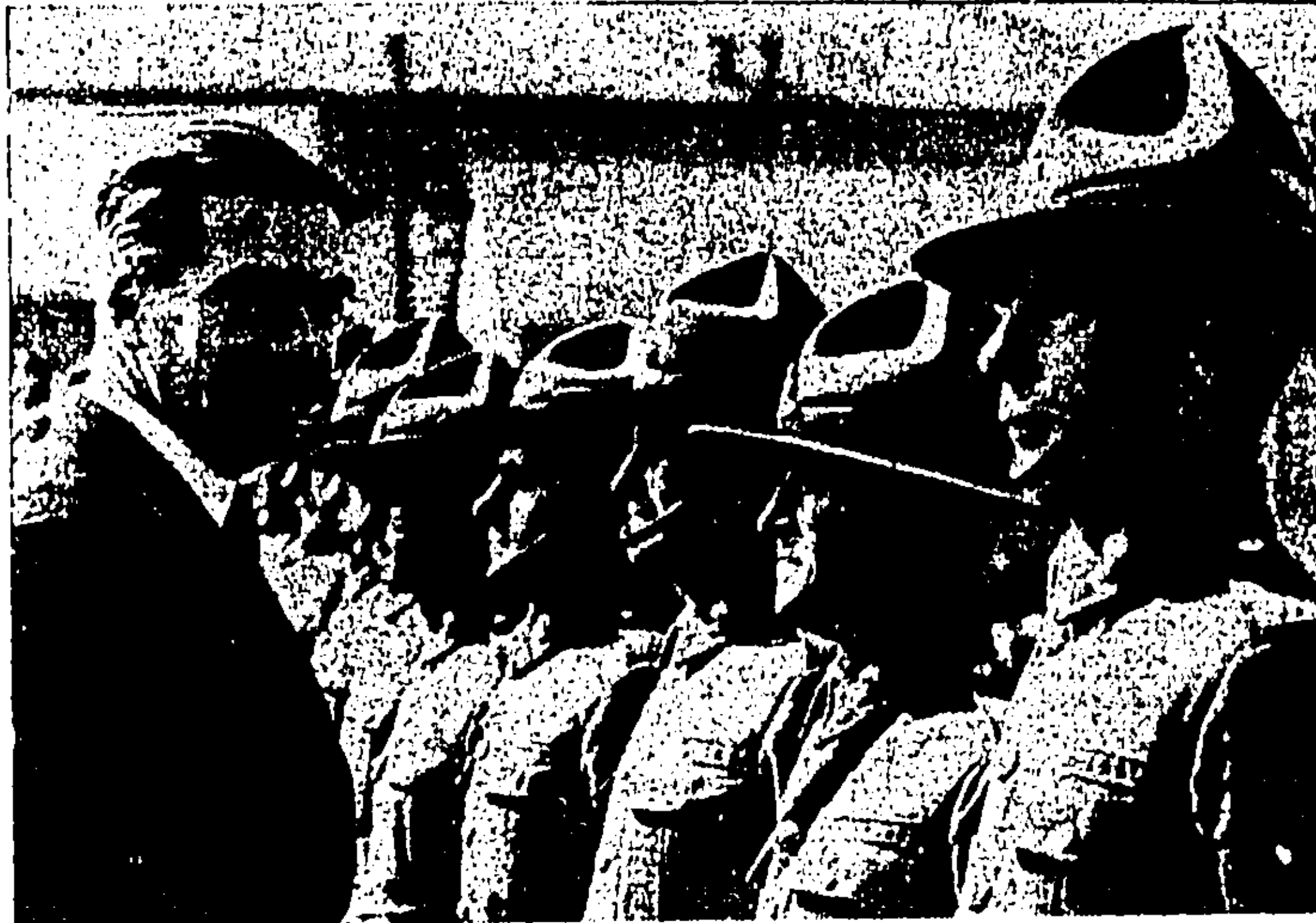
THE BOOMING OF ARTILLERY, THE RATTLE OF RIFLE FIRE AND THE BURSTING OF VERY LIGHTS HERALDED THE ARRIVAL OF ANZAC DAY IN THE DESERT, WHERE NEW ZEALAND TROOPS MADE FINAL ATTACKS BEFORE DAWN IN THE LARGE-SCALE MANOEUVRES WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON SINCE MONDAY.

The manoeuvres were based on an attack by an enemy force which had crossed from the other side of the Nile, and were a great success, New Zealand's young army showing a good sense of tactics.

After breakfast the New Zealand army assembled for the big Anzac Day parade here.

Messages exchanged between General Freyburg, the commander-in-chief, and General Chakmak, Chief of the Turkish General Staff, were issued in the New Zealand Army orders yesterday.—Reuter.

ing over Mongolia. Shallow depressions cover Tongking and the southern Philippine Islands.



Mr. Anthony Eden inspecting the New Zealand Contingents Anti-Tank Battery at barracks where they are in training in Britain. Photo shows—Mr. Eden in a happy mood when chatting to the New Zealanders during his visit. (Copyright, Fox).

LAPPA CLASH: NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Macao, Yesterday. Thursday night has yet not been issued. The whole of Lappa Island is now in the hands of the puppet Portuguese police on Lappa Island on force.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Japan and Shanghai	April 27.
Haiphong	April 27.
Canton	April 26.
Japan	April 28.
Calcutta and Straits	April 28.
Shanghai and Amoy	April 28.
Japan	April 29.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard	April 29.
U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 16th March)	April 29.
Haiphong	April 29.
Shanghai	April 29.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 23rd April	April 30.
Straits	April 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 11th April)	April 30.
Japan	May 1.
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Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 24th April	May 1.
Shanghai	May 2.
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Japan	May 2.
Canton	May 3.
Sandakan	May 5.
Shanghai and Amoy	May 7.
Java and Manila	May 7.
Straits and Manila	May 7.
Japan	May 8.
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Japan and Shanghai	May 10.
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SUNDAY		
Canton		Apr. 28, 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai		Apr. 28, 9.00 a.m.
Amoy		Apr. 28, 9.00 a.m.
MONDAY		
Haiphong		Apr. 29, N on.
Saigon		Apr. 29, 6.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London Parcels—due London, 10th June.	K.P.O.	Apr. 29, 3.00 p.m.
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	Ord.,	Apr. 29, 5.30 p.m.
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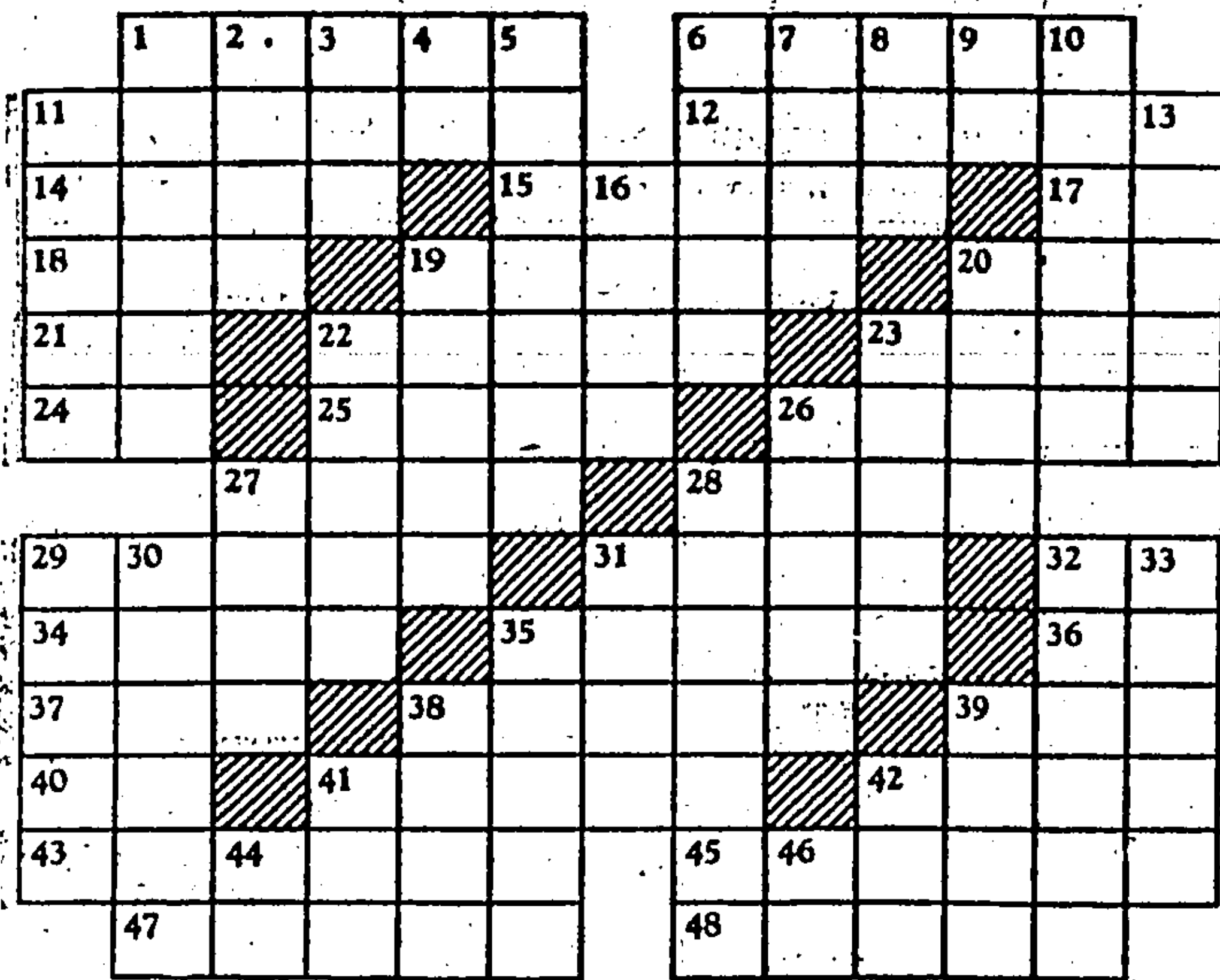
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- 11 Reserves
- 12 Missiles
- 14 To become fatigued
- 15 Claw
- 17 Preposition
- 18 Conjunction
- 19 Leaves
- 20 Goddess of mischief
- 21 Egyptian deity
- 22 Satisfies
- 23 To suffer
- 24 Spanish article
- 25 Hastened
- 26 Wept
- 27 Transfixes
- 28 Head covering
- 29 Guttural sound
- 31 Kitchen vessels
- 32 Sacred word
- 34 Norse poem
- 35 Hindu prince
- 36 Japanese measure

- 37 Emmet
- 38 Slippers
- 39 Alar mammal
- 40 Preposition
- 41 Renders muddy
- 42 Celebration
- 43 Injury
- 45 Playing cards

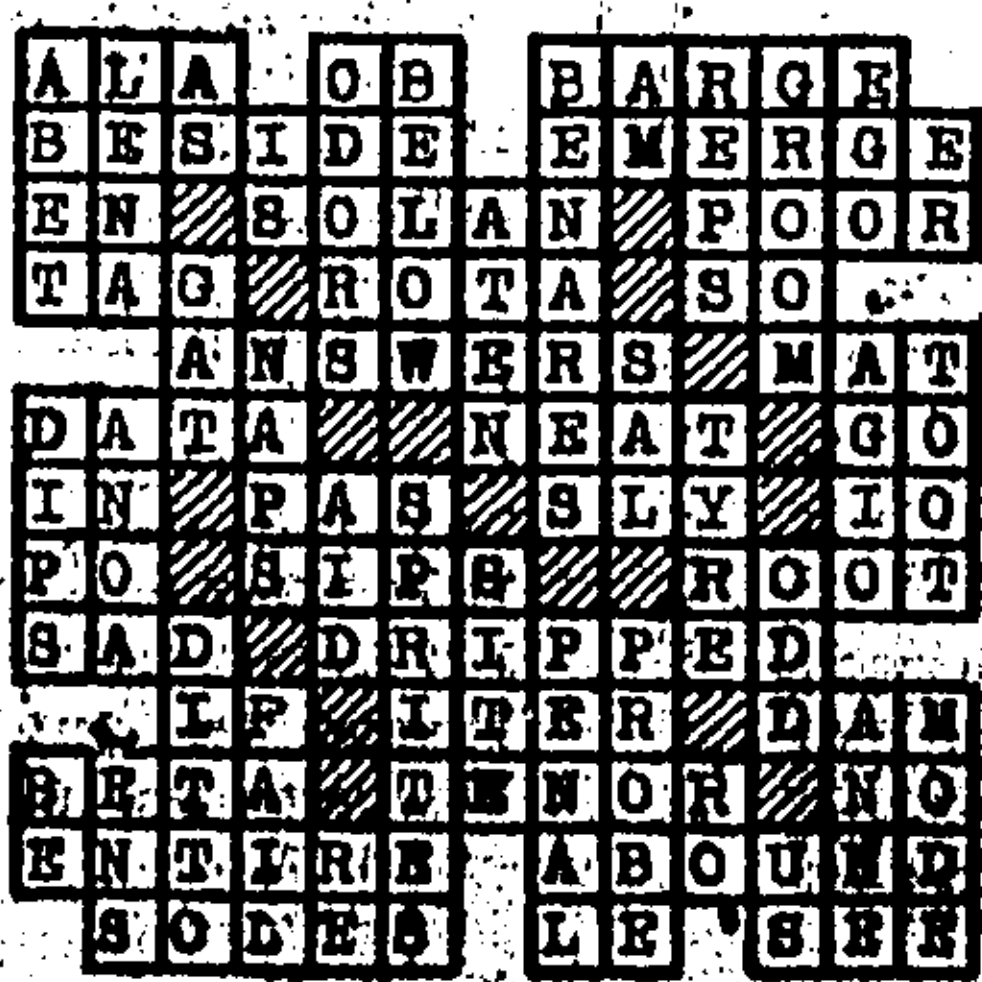
- 47 Robs
- 48 Periods of time

VERTICAL

- 1 Vertebral
- 2 Durable
- 3 Swedish coin

- 4 Brother of Odin
- 5 Properties
- 6 Packages
- 7 God of love
- 8 Sea-bird
- 9 Preposition
- 10 To enshroud
- 11 To gaze
- 13 Horse
- 16 Matured
- 19 To colour
- 20 Tart
- 22 To glow
- 23 Ascended
- 26 Shelters
- 27 To kick
- 28 Integrity
- 29 Broad chalice
- 30 Small stream
- 31 To become insipid
- 32 Speaks
- 33 Arachnids
- 35 Destroys
- 38 To debate
- 39 Beverage
- 41 River (Sp.)
- 42 Monk's title
- 44 Just as stated
- 46 Pronoun

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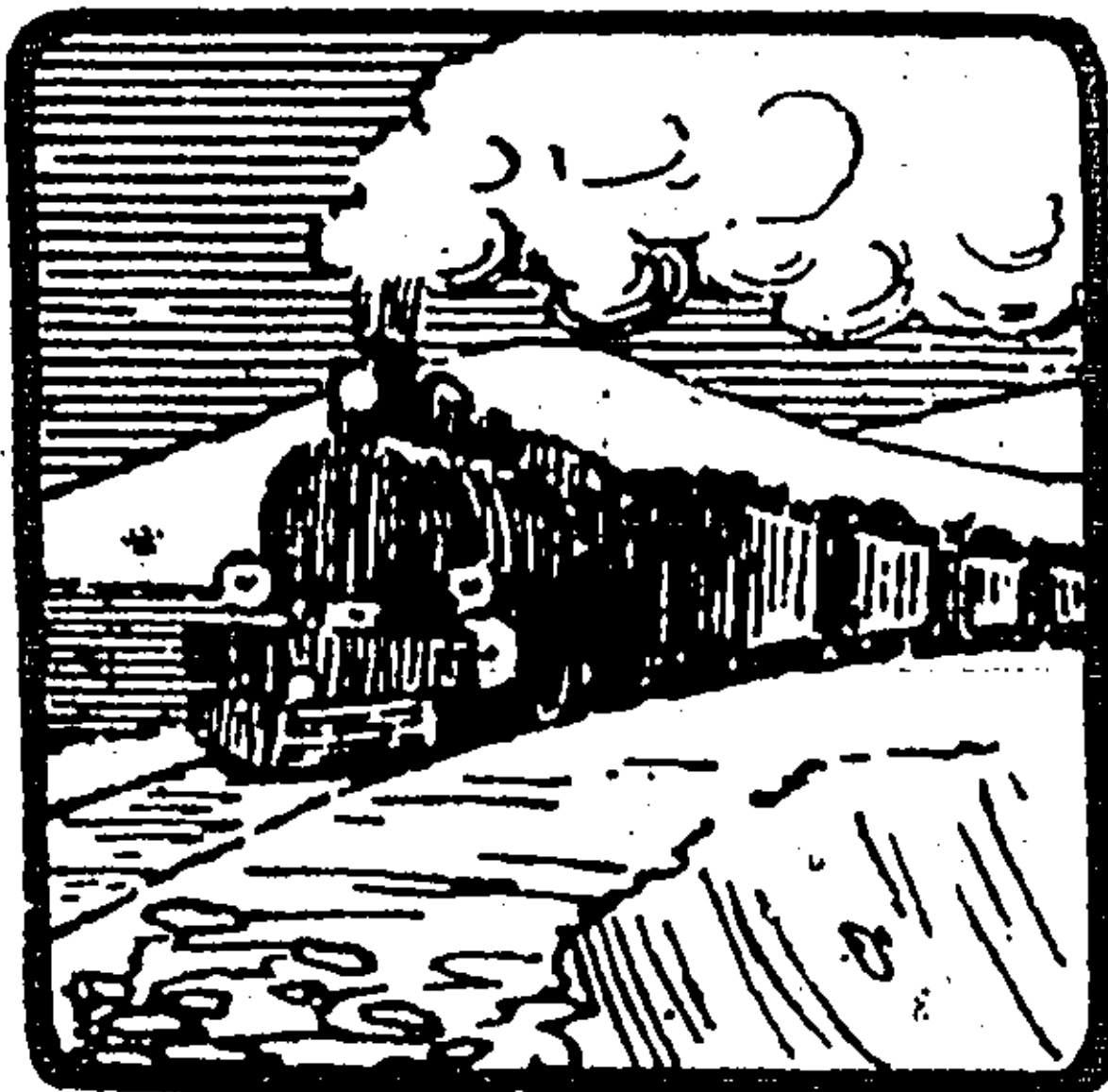


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There are stock sizes from 2 to 13 for men, with three fittings for each size. Men with slight deformities have boots made to measure. The footwear for women is made in sizes from 2 to 8.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

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Hong Kong Bank \$1495 b.
Bank of East Asia \$74 b.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$495 b., \$505 s.

SHIPPING

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H.K. Electrics \$65½ b., \$65.30 sa.

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Telephones (New) \$10 b., \$10.30 s.

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Cements \$17 b.

STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms \$21¼ b.
Lane, Crawfords \$7.90 b.

Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$1 b.

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Shanghai Cottons Sh. \$240 b., \$250 s.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$7 b.

H.K. Govt 3½% Loan 97 sa.

LAST DAY'S SALES

20 Unions @ \$500

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67 Electrics @ \$65

100 Electrics @ \$65.30

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Demonstrations Ps. .08 b.

East Mindanao Ps. .08½ sa.

I.X.L. Ps. .30½ sa.

Itogons Ps. .19½ sa.

Masbates Ps. .08¼ sa.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .08¼ b.

Mine Operation Ps. .07½ X.D. sa.

North Camarines Ps. .047 b.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. .16½ b.

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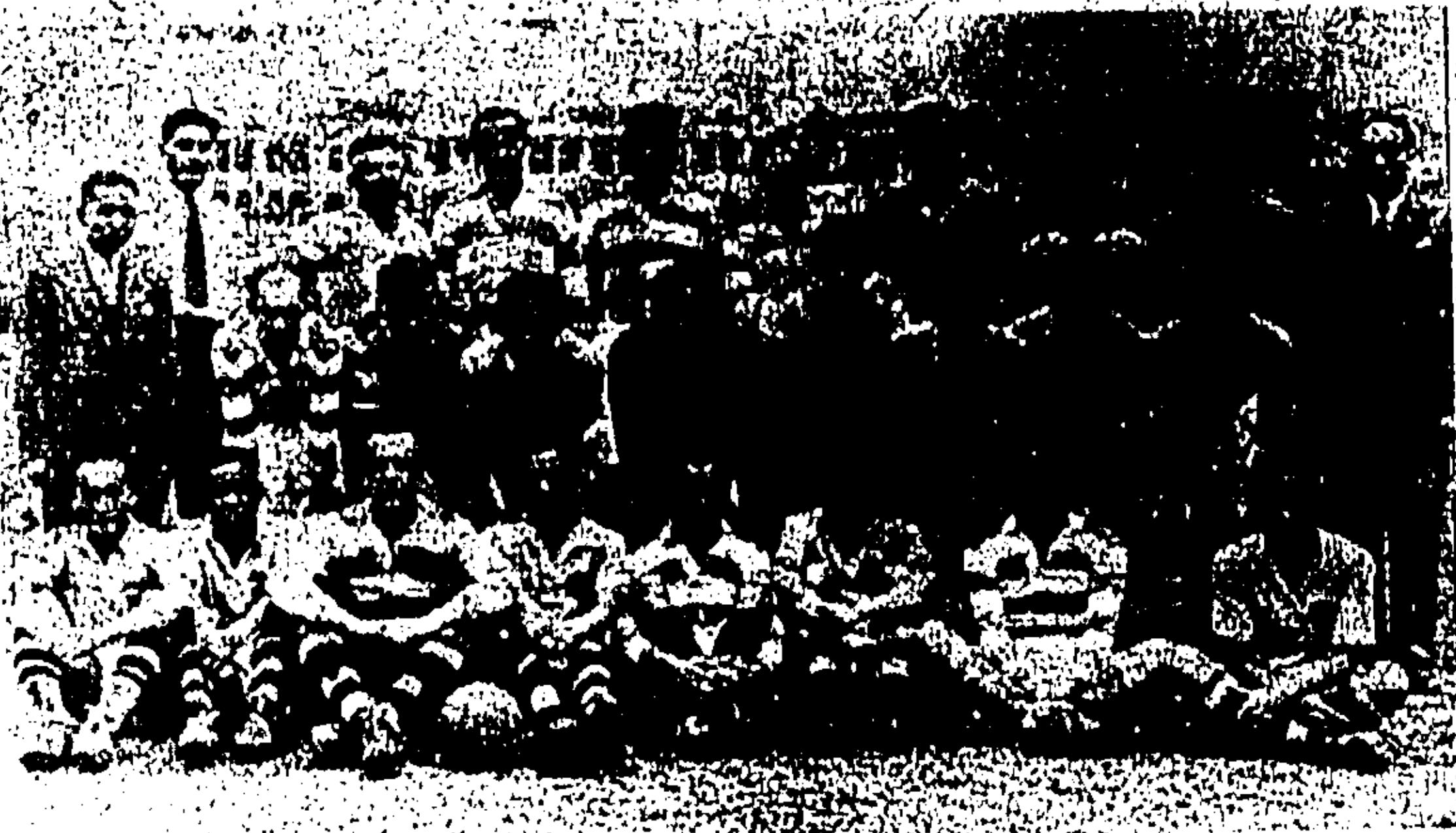
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Clifton Large being presented with the Victor Ludorum at the D.B.S. Sports.



Jessie Wong, of the Canuckettes, just gets home. On right is Mary Lachlan, of the Ramblerettes.



The invitation inter-school relay at the D.B.S. Sports.

NEW CLUB FOR H.K.

Should sufficient interest, keenness and co-operation be forthcoming the newly-formed Shell Sports Club should be able to be well represented in many branches of local sport throughout the year.

This new Club, formed and maintained by the employees of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd., has been fortunate in that the management have given them two spacious rooms in the building as recreation rooms, where the usual indoor games, such as cards, ping-pong and darts can be indulged in. It is also hoped that a billiard table will soon be available.

The club is open to all members of the staff, though it will be the local staff who will do most of the work in connection with the club.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The present chairman is Mr. G. N. Park, chief engineer of the Company, while the Hon. Secretary is Mr. C. M. Xavier, with Mr. Lam Wing-kee as Hon. Treasurer.

Other members of the committee are Messrs N. Spence, H. Winglee, A. R. Kitchell and F. Ozorio.

All these mentioned above are well known in different branches of local sport and a general meeting will be held on May 14 to appoint different sub-committees for the various sports.

Shell are already represented in the Hong Softball League but they have sufficient material to raise sides for other sports. It is proposed to have friendly games with other clubs and hongas.

It is also hoped that a badminton court will soon be available on the roof of Shell House.

At present the Club is in its infancy, but it is expected that with the co-operation of all concerned, it will not be long in making its presence felt in many branches of local sport.

MANCHUKUO EXCHANGE SHORTAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

OWING TO THE SHORTAGE OF GOODS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE, MANCHUKUO'S INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION WILL BE CONCENTRATED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF FIVE VITAL INDUSTRIES—COAL, GOLD, IRON MINING, HYDRO-ELECTRICITY AND RAILWAYS.

Other "non-urgent industries" will probably be compelled to abandon expansion of production plans for the current year.

All previous expansion schemes by so-called private enterprises will be entirely subordinated to the necessity to curtail purchases abroad in order to spare foreign exchange.—Havas.

JAPANESE CASUALTIES

Chengchow, To-day.

Some 3,000 casualties were inflicted on the Japanese during the Chinese attack on Kaifeng, according to military sources.

Several suburban points, including Machwan, southwest of Kaifeng, have also been recovered. Fighting continued all day yesterday in the outskirts.—Central News.

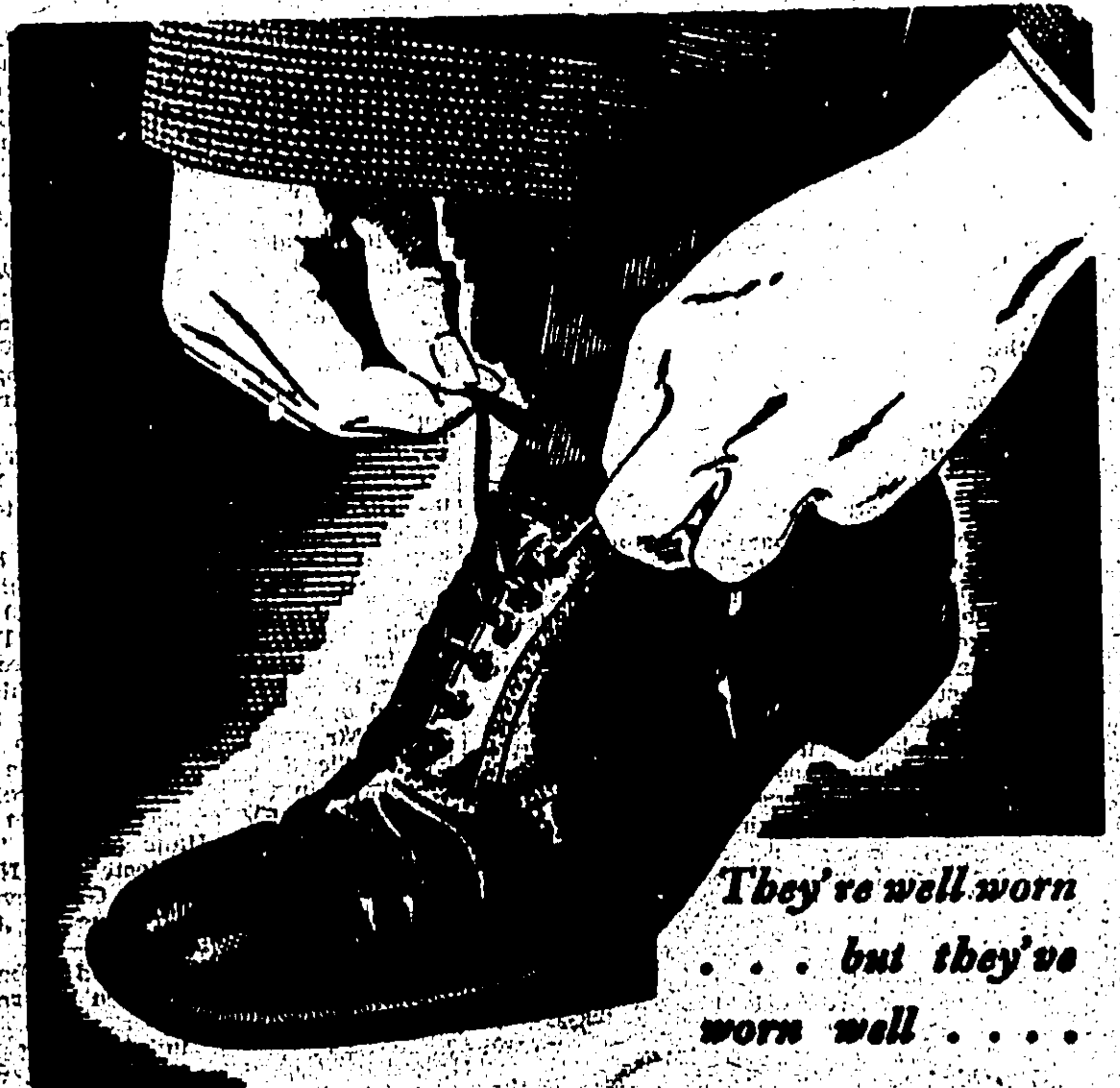
COTTAGE CLUB

The Cottage Club Cavalcade on Saturday will start from Mai Po. Riders are requested to gather at the Club House at 3 p.m. and transportation will be provided. Riders of private ponies are requested to make arrangements to send their ponies to Mai Po.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16. Silver was quoted at 20-15/16 spot and 20-7/8 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at 2-U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at 2-U.S.\$3.51-1/8.



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(By "RAPIER")

ALTHOUGH RACING in connection with the Fourth Extra Race Meeting, which was held last Saturday, failed to provide any thrilling finish, interest was sustained throughout, with favourites coming in fairly regularly, but with the usual upsets.

At one stage of the afternoon, rain threatened to mar proceedings, but, fortunately, after a period of slight drizzle, it gradually improved and no discomfort was experienced. Nevertheless, the track was badly cut up, and this was probably responsible for the major upset in the last race. To those who backed him, Mr. W. H. S. Davis caused a really pleasant surprise by winning on Happy Landings in the fast time of 59.4 seconds over the distance from the 1½-mile post, returning the handsome dividend of \$100.40 for a \$5.00 bet.

Honours among the jockeys were shared by Messrs. V. V. Needa and P. Y. T. Wei, with two wins each, the latter going to the top of the list of most successful jockeys to date. Mr. Wei has been showing brilliant form, and if he continues at this rate he will become Champion Jockey for the current year. The Marber stable carried off major honours by winning the St. George's Plate, their candidate, Cember, ably ridden by Mr. L. B. Chao, demonstrating its superiority in no uncertain manner. By its convincing win, Cember will prove a menace to the other ponies in "A" Class.

EFFORTLESS WIN

The first race, the Mount Gough Handicap, was a sprint affair from the one and a half mile post, and it resulted in an effortless win for Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei).

The race started with Distinctive Time and Ronson (Mr. Poy) shooting out together on the rise of the barrier for a lead of many lengths, followed by Eve of Folly (Mr. Davis), Gay Star (Mr. Hearne) and Hughber (Mr. Chao). After passing the Rock, Ronson was slightly in front for a while, but it was soon passed by Distinctive Time on rounding the bend, the latter going on to win comfortably. In the meantime Eve of Folly was running strongly down the straight, so much so that at one stage it looked as though it was going to overhaul Ronson. Its effort was of no avail, however, and it had to share honours with Gay Star for third position, the latter managing to secure a dead-heat practically with the last stride.

FRANKLIN'S SUCCESS

Light rain fell before the commencement of the second race, the Koala Handicap for "C" Class Australian ponies from the two-mile post distance, and Mr. Needa showed good judgment in sending Franklin, the favourite, out in front after passing the Judge's Box for the first time, and he gradually increased his lead right up to the finish.

On the rise of the barrier, Princes Bridge (Mr. Botelho) went into the lead, followed by Franklin and the others. On reaching the winning post for the first time Mr. Needa sent Franklin out to take the lead and so fast was it running that on reaching the football stands it held a commanding lead. Centre Court (Mr. Sung) then shot out from among the bunch to take second position hard on Franklin's heels, and on passing the Rock it got within three lengths of Franklin, followed closely by Rising Star (Mr. Tao), Roofly (Mr. Davis) and Twilight Star (Mr. Hearne). On rounding the village bend Rising Star fell back and Roofly came up to third position with Twilight Star in close attendance. On entering the home straight Roofly came through strongly to take second position with Twilight Star third, another three lengths behind.

CLEMBER'S TRIUMPH

The third race, the St. George's Plate, over the Champions distance, was the principal event of the day, and Cember (Mr. Chao), though carrying 168 lbs., was made hot favourite, and it fully justified the confidence placed in its ability to win.

The race started off with Cember cracking up a fast pace with Eve of Dancing (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) about six lengths behind at the football stands, followed closely by Possible (Mr. Tang Man-wa), with Hopeful Star (Mr. Hearne) another four lengths further behind. After passing the Rock Cember increased its lead by many lengths with Possible in second position—it overtook Eve of Dancing after passing the half-mile post. On rounding the bend White Diamond (Mr.

Pih), which had been satisfied to remain fifth, came through with a burst of speed to overhaul Eve of Dancing and then Possible in the straight to take second place. For third position a great tussle ensued between Possible and Eve of Reason (Mr. Black) with the latter having the better of the argument.

By winning this race in such an effortless manner in the good time of 2.22.4, 2-3/5 seconds outside Burford's record, Cember has come into the forefront amongst the China ponies of this season.

HUMDRUM EVE SURPRISES

There was a surprise in store for punters in the fourth race, the Mount Davis Handicap (First Section) for "B" Class China ponies, which was won by Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih). Despite its failure in the Boa Vista Handicap (First Section), when it ran unplaced, Bear Claw (Mr. Hearne) was strongly supported, but it again failed on the soft track. However, this old timer made a gallant effort, only to find Humdrum Eve in good form, aided by the low weight it was carrying. Jobber (Mr. Chao) ran quite well to take third position. Humdrum Eve's win was responsible for the first upset of the afternoon, paying out a \$43.20 dividend.

SMILING TIME UPSET

The "Hunchbacks" Handicap for China ponies, subscription griffins of 1939, with ponies classified "B" and "C" Classes barred, was the first leg of the "Daily Double" and was contested over six furlongs. Those who backed Willynilly (Mr. Sung) and Portrush (Mr. Needa) received a rude shock, both running unplaced. I had every confidence in Willynilly, but again it had to run on a soft track, which somewhat handicapped its usually easy movement.

The start of the race saw Wilber (Mr. Chao) take the lead, followed by Talkative (Mr. Tang), Portrush (Mr. Needa), second favourite, with Willynilly in the second bunch, about sixth. After passing the Rock Portrush ousted Wilber for the first position, but only for a while, as Wilber reasserted itself on nearing the last quarter. With 200 yards to go Smiling Time (Mr. Wei) came up on the rails very strongly to overhaul Portrush and challenge Wilber, which it managed to beat on nearing the band stand to win by two lengths. Whilst this was taking place West Lake (Mr. Tao) was also coming up strongly to overtake Portrush in the last few yards for third position, just losing to Wilber by a neck. This was the second upset of the day. In this race Some Hope (Mr. P. Botelho) pulled up lame near the Public Stand and had to be taken off the track in the Blue Ambulance.

MR. TREVERTON'S NINTH WIN

The Talmoshan Handicap for "E" Class China ponies, was contested by Novice Jockeys, and it provided Mr. G. Treverton with a win which brought him nearer to graduation from the Novice Class—Mr. Treverton requires one more win—and I believe that he will realise this ambition before the summer interval.

The race was uninteresting as March Brown had the best of the start, with George (Mr. Wood) and Heddon (Mr. Chiu Kifan) following, and they finished in that order. On coming into the straight March Brown had such a commanding lead that its win was a foregone conclusion, and when it reached the winning post George was four lengths behind, with Heddon another 2-1/2 lengths away.

MR. PROULX RIDES WELL

The Canterbury Park Handicap over the two mile post and confined to Australian ponies of this season that had not won more than \$500 in stakes was the second leg of the "Daily Double," and it resulted in a popular win for Fair Chance, which was well ridden by Mr. Proulx. Rowan (Mr. Hearne) had the most support and Maple

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

There were quite a number of interesting matches played in the Alleys since my last "Jottings." The Second Singles Handicap Tournament is now under weigh and this, coinciding with the arrival of U.S.S. Asheville, has given us some very good bowling.

First game, in the first round of the Singles Tournament, was played off, on April 19, between L/Cpl. D. Hall, of Royal Corps of Signals, whose handicap was plus 33, and Sergeant C. E. Shipp, of Royal Engineers, with a handicap of plus 36.

The match resulted in a decided win for Cpl. Hall, by 121 pins, the individual scores being:—

L/Cpl. Hall (plus 33) 151 146 166 Total 463
Sgt. Shipp (plus 36) 111 120 102 " 342

As can be seen by these scores L/Cpl. Hall was not extended, and bowled good steady Ten Pins, his average being 154 pins per game. This is fairly good bowling, and this form should take him a good distance in the Competition.

Sergeant Shipp is new to competition bowling, and probably this was a contributing factor to his poor score.

STALWARTS MEET

Another match in the first round was played off on Monday, it being between two stalwarts, in F. F. Hollis, of U.S.S. Mindanao, and L/Sgt. G. Somerville, of Royal Signals. They started off level. Again in this case F. P. Hollis won very convincingly by 149 pins, the score being:—

F. P. Hollis (plus 26) 157 168 208 Total 533
G. Somerville (plus 26) 150 113 121 " 384

There was no doubt regarding Hollis' form at the time, as, just before being engaged in this match, he compiled the record score for the month—239—which beat Cpl. Blount's score of 229 made on April 3.

Hollis' effort was made up as follows:—Spare, spare, strike, spare, then five strikes in a row, to finish up with a spare and a strike.

It was early evident that Hollis was in a

Star (Mr. Tao) was also in good demand.

Maple Star cracked up a fast pace followed by Fair Chance, with Income Tax (Mr. Liang) just behind, and on nearing the six furlongs post Income Tax came alongside it to amah its stablemate, Fair Chance, in its chase after Maple Star. Maple Star could not last its own fast pace and it faded out of the picture on reaching the two-mile post as soon as Fair Chance passed it. Down the straight Fair Chance appeared to falter, but Mr. Proulx rode the pony with determination, and it responded gamely to win fairly easily. Rowan tried its very best to catch up, but had to be satisfied with second place, Income Tax being another two lengths behind. My congratulations to Mr. Proulx for the way he handled Fair Chance, which is regarded as one of the most unreliable Australian ponies of this season. For its win Fair Chance paid \$184.50 on the "Double."

RUNAWAY TACTICS

In the Mount Davis Handicap (Second Section) over the mile for "B" Class China ponies, Mr. Needa adopted the same tactics on Jennifer as he did on Franklin in the second race. On the rise of the gate he sent Jennifer forward, followed by King Kong (Mr. P. Botelho) and Rose Jane (Mr. Poy). Lancashire Lass (Mr. Black) and Blue Diamond (Mr. Chao). On coming down the straight Jennifer was still leading, although it was strongly challenged by King Kong, but it romped home to a nice win by 1-1/2 lengths with Peaceful View (Mr. Pih), which finished very strongly, second, and Blue Diamond and King Kong dead-heating for third place.

THREE-FIGURE DIVIDEND

The last race, the Charters Towers Handicap, which was a sprint affair from the 1-1/2 mile post, resulted in the biggest upset of the afternoon. Backed strongly, Double Finesse, with Mr. Pih up, was expected to win this race, and its failure was probably due to a bad start. On the other hand, Happy Landings (Mr. Davis), the ultimate winner, managed to shoot forward on the rise of the barrier immediately after Derby Day (Mr. Tang), which led until coming into the straight, when Happy Landings passed it with Flying Dutchman (Mr. Needa) on the rails making a great effort to catch up with it. Amidst great excitement Happy Landings managed to avert defeat by a short head from Flying Dutchman with Derby Day another short head behind, after a comeback over the last 50 yards, during which it nearly dead-heated for second position. Pumpernickel (Mr. Proulx) bored out wide on rounding the bend and so ruined its chances of winning when holding second position.

Happy Landings' win was a creditable one as its time was only 1/5th of a second outside Lancashire Chips' track record, although it ran 2 lbs. under weight as per inches, and those who backed it were handsomely rewarded with \$100.40 for their foresight.

killling mood, as the scores in the singles match against Somerville show, for on his third game he again bagged a 200 score—he made 208—and his average was 178 pins.

Somerville did not appear to be comfortable and his lowly score of 384 for the three games, or an average of 128, was about the lowest score I have ever seen this player return. In brief, Hollis was in form and Somerville was not!

MORE 200 CLUB MEMBERS

We have two new members for the 200's Club in the persons of Signalmen F. Hower and Signalmen R. D. Cotton—at this rate I can see the whole Corps of Signals being members of the 200 Club.

Hower's effort was made on Sunday, when he bagged 208, his score being, strike, spare, spare, a nine, a spare, then four strikes in a row, finishing up with a spare. Cotton's bag of 222 was really a wonderful effort he actually never missed a frame. He started off with a spare, then two strikes, a spare, strike, spare, spare, then three strikes in a row.

On April 22, we were treated to a really good bowling match between Joe Harvey and his men of U.S.S. Asheville, and Ernie Hearther's men from the Champs.

The Champs won fairly easily by 298 pins, the score being as follows:—

CHAMPS	ASHEVILLE
Ernie Hearther... 944	W. J. Balaski... 848
Doc Molthen... 858	J. A. Harvey... 779
Dick Venezia... 822	C. G. Gunning... 757
Chas Miller... 775	M. O. Gray... 719

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The Champs' total pinnage for the five games was 3,399 or 170 per player per game, and the Asheville's 3,101 represents 155 pins per game.

HEARTHER AGAIN

Ernie Hearther as usual was easily top scorer of the match with 944 pins in his bag, or an average of 189 pins per game; had he made 950 or 100 pins per game he would have won the two books of free tickets, awarded by the Management of the Alleys.

As a matter of fact Hearther made three scores of over 200; he made 203 on his first game, 204 on his third game, and 209 on his fourth game. It is therefore all the more startling that a player of his accomplishments should make the lowly score of 152, which was all he got in his last game. Had he maintained the average of his first four games, he would have bagged 990.

Doc Molthen was second highest scorer in this match with 858 or an average of 172 pins per game, followed very closely by Dick Venezia with 822, or an average of 164 pins per game.

W. J. Balaski top-scored for his side with 848 or an average of 169, Joe Harvey being second for his side with 779 or an average of 156 pins per game; Gunning averaged 151, and Gray 144. It was a good clean game and well worth seeing.

DUCK PINS EXHIBITION

On April 24, we had a good exhibition of Duck Pins in the match between U.S.S. Mindanao and the Royal Signals, Mindanao winning by 73 pins.

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TENNIS**Sirdar's "Fire" Carries Him Through Against "H.D."****Badminton Season's Conclusion**

By "ADREM"

ALTHOUGH there are still some matches to be played in "B" Division in order to settle the runners-up position, the badminton season closed officially on Wednesday evening with Presentation Night at Kowloon Cricket Club.

As Rev. J. R. Higgs said the season has been a difficult one owing to the calls of volunteer duties and various other reasons connected with a Colony whose mother-country is at war. Nevertheless the Leagues were brought to a satisfactory conclusion, thanks to club secretaries, who made every effort to catch up on their fixtures when these fell behind.

The crowds at Club de Recreio and K.C.C. for the finals were record-breaking and it must be particularly satisfying for Mr. S. A. Gray, the Hon. Secretary of the Association, who was one of the local pioneers of the game, to note the ever-growing interest.

No Upsets

THE Leagues provided no glaring upsets. Chinese "Y" made a great effort to secure premier honours but they will not gainsay the fact that University definitely proved themselves the better team. The undergraduates, however, were unable to retain their mixed doubles title, although, having regard to the circumstances, they did very well to finish second to Recreio, who were easily the best balanced side in the competition.

At the beginning of the season it was anticipated that "B" Division would provide a thrilling struggle between about four teams. With the arrival of Henry Eardley from Shanghai, however, St. John's received just the stiffening they needed and thereafter had little difficulty in finishing at the top of the table, losing only one match to St. Andrew's through poor pairing of their players.

King's College proved a very sporting team and started off very convincingly but a lack of balance cost them such matches as they lost.

Special mention must be made of St. Andrew's, who at the outset could not win a match but later improved to such an extent that few teams were able to beat them.

Wong Dominates

THE championships have been dominated by Patrick H. Wong, who achieved what P. K. Hui succeeded in doing in the two seasons prior to this one—namely winning all three major titles.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

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MINDANAO		ROYAL SIGNALS	
J. T. Sheehan ...	531	J. H. Watts ...	500
D. M. Kiplinger ...	498	H. Blount ...	500
J. W. Davis ...	460	G. Birkett ...	443
E. L. Emerson ...	435	G. Somerville ...	408

The standard of play in this match, taking it as a whole, was remarkably good, there being no fewer than 14 scores of over 100 pins per game, eight being bagged by Mindanao and six by Royal Signals.

Sheehan made four games of over 100, just failing to make 100 in his fifth game. This player by the way top scored with 531 to his credit, or an average of 106 pins per game. Watts and Blount tied for second highest score with 500 or an average of 100 pins per game.

Mindanao's average per man per game was 98, while Royal Signals' was 93, so it can well be imagined how close was the match.

It was a great pity that Hui, owing to impending examinations, could not see his way to defending his titles, as herculean struggles between he and Wong would have been worth going a long way to see.

W. Gillies, of St. Andrew's, proved his worth in the Junior Championship and, provided he maintains his present rate of improvement, his fine stamina should make him a formidable proposition in the senior championship next season.

In Conclusion

IN concluding my badminton notes for this season, I cannot do better than reiterate Rev. Higgs' tributes to Mr. Gray and the officers of the Badminton Association, whose efforts have done so much to ensure the smooth running of all the competitions and the increase of interest locally.

I would also express my thanks to club secretaries for the co-operation they have always given in sending in scores and enabling such records as were kept to be maintained reasonably up to date.

AREA SPORTS TO-DAY

Owing to the bad state of the ground following the rainstorm of Wednesday night, the Area Sports Athletic Meeting, which was to have been concluded yesterday afternoon, was postponed and will be continued to-day.

Annual meeting of Victoria Recreation Club will be held in the clubhouse at 6 p.m. this evening.

FINE RALLIES IN FOURTH SET

(By "ADREM")

IN ONE OF THE MOST stirring matches seen for many a long day, S. A. Rumjahn yesterday staved off the challenge of cousin H. D. in the semi-final of the Colony singles tennis championship and won at the fourth set, the scores being 6-0, 6-4, 4-6, 8-6.

In many respects this match was similar to the one last week, which was abandoned with the score at two sets all. Again on this occasion, S. A. settled down quickly and attacked throughout the first two sets when he could not be held.

Again H. D. took the third set and had a substantial lead in the fourth set, but this time S. A. was not letting his opportunity slip out of his hands and he pulled up from a deficit of 3-5, fought off a couple of set points in the ninth game, took the lead at 6-5, lost two match points in the 12th game eventually to go out at 8-6.

That S. A. recovered the lost ground was due entirely to his own efforts and not to any lapse on the part of H. D.

Indeed the tennis in the closing stages of this set, although both men were obviously in the last stages of exhaustion, was some of the best of the match. Both men drew on some unsuspected source of energy and contested every point bitterly.

FIGHTING QUALITIES

Although sufficient credit cannot be given to S. A., easily the better man on the day's showing, tribute must be paid to the sterling fighting qualities of H. D. The latter, although he was steady enough, was not as sure of himself as he was on the previous occasion. At no stage could he produce strokes to beat his cousin outright. When he adopted his favourite form of attack and went into the net, S. A.'s accurate lobbing invariably

forced him back and placed him in a vulnerable position.

Such success as H. D. did achieve therefore was secured by entirely negative methods, namely, maintaining the rallies until S. A. made the mistake.

Some of the rallies were of great length, both men seeking out the corners and maintaining streams of good-length drives.

Sirdar's success can be attributed to the "fire" in his play that was lacking in H. D. He pulled out many of his best shots from losing positions and was working for points all the time. His courtcraft was also much better and the use of his recently-acquired drop-shot and his surprise cross-court drive frequently caught H. D. on the wrong foot.

INTEREST NEVER LACKING

If at times the machine-like accuracy of both player made the exchanges somewhat dull, interest was always held by the gallantry of two equally matched men, who were never in position to disregard their physical limitations.

TO-DAY'S MATCH

On Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club this afternoon, M. Pagh will meet B. C. Fay in the final of the Club championship.

CHESS TITLE

K.M.A. Barnett beat K. Weiss in a Colony Chess Championship Tournament game played at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday evening.

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FOOTBALL REVIEW

(BY "REFEREE")

THE football season just concluded can be regarded as satisfactory in view of the fact that the League was completed as scheduled in spite of the many postponements due to military and other reasons.

THE Chinese secured the major trophies in all the competitions but it is interesting to note Army's share of the junior trophies and that several of their junior teams had representatives in Interport and other games.

THE season has been a record one in that three Interport series were played — and this has thrown a considerable amount of extra work on the officials of the Association.

EASTERN, fresh from their triumphant tour of Manila, have now obtained permission to tour the South Seas and India and are hoping to leaving on May 20 or thereabouts. Eastern's Shield success has greatly enhanced their gate-drawing power and

their successes in Manila will enable them to face their tour with confidence.

The season brought a number of misconduct cases and all guilty parties were severely dealt with. In the latter stages of the season there were fewer cases and so, apparently, the sentences meted out had the desired effect.

CLUB, after a poor first half, rounded up their season with some good wins, but their feat against South China was really noteworthy. They have the distinction of having beaten both the Champions and Shield Winners.

GREAT difficulty has been experienced in sending a good side to Saigon for the return games in that port. Fowler has now definitely informed the Association that he will not be available and both Chan Tak-fai and Lee Shek-yau are not able to make the trip. Fortunately, Ip Pak-wah, one of the original selections, who at first declined, is now going with the team and this should give it added strength.



Lee Wal-tong receiving from Mrs. M. K. Lo, the First Division Cup won by South China "A" during the football season just concluded.

ARMY have not met with much success in senior football this season but they were still able to field a strong side in the Final of the Lai Wah Cup Competition. While the form of Royal Scots was fairly constant, that of Middlesex was most varying and their inconsistency from week to week was a marked feature of their play. One week they would account

for a strong team and the following surprisingly succumb to a weak side.

Junior teams secured five of the six main positions in the League and Shield Competitions.

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SKIP'S LAWN BOWLS NOTES

Record Season Expected; Starts To-morrow Week

Interesting Progress In Past Few Seasons

APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST

(BY "SKIP")

I may be wrong but I have formed the impression that there is so far a certain lack of interest in the League. The weather may have had something to do with this state of affairs but there certainly does not seem to have been nearly as many friendly matches as we usually have in the three or four weeks preceding the beginning of the League programme.

There is consequently little to guide one as to the composition of the various teams. Comment on these will therefore be left until next week and I will content myself with a few remarks on the lists of players which I have been able to see.

CHAMPIONS LUCKY

The Champions, Club de Recreio, are lucky in having practically the same players as they had last year, although, I am given to understand, there may be one or two changes in the first team: F.V.V. Ribeiro, winner of the Open Pairs — with J.F.V. of that ilk — last year, must certainly command a place if he reveals anything like the form which carried him to the above success, whilst F. X. Soares is also due for promotion. I think. Where places will be found for them, remains to be seen. The "B" team of this same club will I feel sure do better than last year and here again some of the third outfit, which secured promotion from Third Division, will be seen in the higher circle. Youth will be served:

Craigengower will miss an outstanding personality in Bradbury, who has gone on leave, but Rosselet, on the form he showed in winning the International Shield last season, should ably fill the gap. I hear that Razack will not be playing this year but have not been able to confirm this.

OVERY BACK

Kowloon Cricket Club will be without the two Hydes and Hughie Nish but Teddy Fincher's number three, Hubert Overy, is back to the fold after a brief holiday and this combination will, I expect, be seen in action again.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club have lost stalwarts in Archie Russell, transferred to Shanghai, Willie Macfarlane, on holiday in New Zealand, Tommy Robson, runner-up with Nish in the pairs, and Sam White. Against these losses may be mentioned the return of L. Guy and George Sherrieff both of whom were on leave during the whole of last season.

The Indians are going to make some changes in their team I believe; some of their younger players showed remarkably good form when tried out at the end of last season and it is quite likely that a few of the older hands may give way; their experience should be very valuable in forming the nucleus of the new Third Division team.

Police look as if they will be able to field a more than useful first team. Many of last year's players are available whilst Cameron, who did well in 1938, is back from leave.

The Civil Servants appear to be about the same as last year. Davies has transferred to Hong Kong Cricket Club but by way of compensation they have MacGowan back again.

YOUNG PLAYERS PROGRESS

Kowloon Dock will be without Sammy Gray who underwent a serious operation some weeks ago, whilst Victor Ramsey, Interporter in 1933 and 1935, is home on holiday. Some of the younger players, however, are

THREE NEW TEAMS TO MAKE THEIR BOW

WHAT PROMISES to be a record season in the local lawn bowls world is a due to commence to-morrow week when a full programme of 14 games is down for decision.

Twenty-eight teams have entered the League which, as was the case last year, will be played in three divisions. Ten teams will play in First and Second Divisions and eight teams in Third Division, a total of no less than 336 players each Saturday.

It is interesting to note the progress which our game has made in the past few seasons. Whereas in 1932 only 16 teams played in the League, which was divided into two sections, in 1936 there were 20 teams, which increased the following year to 24.

Three divisions were then formed and compulsory promotion and relegation introduced. The number of teams remained the same the following season but last year, like this, saw an increase of two teams. Owing to these increases, it has not been possible to adhere to the up and down system very strictly.

LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

The League will be constituted as follows:

First Division:—Club de Recreio, Craigengower Cricket Club, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Indian Recreation Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Police Recreation Club, Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, Hong Kong Football Club and Club de Recreio "B".

showing good form for the Hung Hom team: Alec Calman's son is one of these, whilst Tony Lapsley is a real chip off the old block and should secure his place regularly.

Hong Kong Football Club, back to First Division bowls again, will be without C. B. Robertson, R. P. Shaw and Jake Selby, all of whom are on leave this year.

SECOND DIVISION

There will not be many changes in the Taikoo team I believe, whilst most of the same band of stalwarts will keep the Kowloon Tong flag flying, although I believe that Spary will be playing for another club in Kowloon.

Hong Kong Cricket club will have the assistance of practically all the Yacht Club players, but by no means all of these will make the grade for the Second Division team I feel sure. There are many really good bowlers amongst the non-yachting members: Alec Mackenzie and Alec Pearce have been showing great form, whilst E. F. Buttress is sure of a place as lead I hear. Another player, who has had a lot of experience in India, will also have to be considered.

Kowloon Football Club have lost very few players, only Tommy Ferguson coming to mind at the moment, but Bill Field will not be available every week on account of war duties.

The Hong Kong Electric team will be without Barron, who played several times last year, but Lunny and Gahagan are back again and will no doubt be turning out when duties permit.

Only other club which is not represented in the First and Second Divisions is the Prison Officers' Club, who showed great promise last year. Tommy Gooding, of the stentorian voice, has retired to England but Arthur Jillot, who did very well last season, will be available each week. He had the distinction of beating O. P. Remedios, hitherto unbeaten. Third Division skip, in the last match of the 1939 season.

Second Division:—Taikoo Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, Kowloon Football Club, Police Recreation Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Club de Recreio, Kowloon Cricket Club and Hong Kong Cricket Club.

Third Division:—Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Hong Kong Football Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, Prison Officers Club, Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club, Kowloon Football Club, Indian Recreation Club and Hong Kong Cricket Club.

It will be noticed that three new teams make their bow this season—two from Hong Kong Cricket Club and a second one from the Indian Recreation Club.

One of the former goes straight into Second Division, a fact on which I have heard some adverse comment. The view was expressed that all new teams should commence in the lowest division and earn their promotion. This could have been done, it was pointed out, by promoting three teams from Third Division, or else by having only eight in Second Division for the coming season. In the latter case there would have to be an understanding that three teams would be promoted from Third Division and only one relegated from Second, at the end of this season.

This would have meant 10 teams in the First and Third Divisions and, as I have mentioned, eight in the second this year, with ample provision for any new teams to enter Third Division next season.

It is not a vital matter and I have no doubt that we shall still enjoy our games irrespective of the constitution of the League.

PROMINENT SWIMMER'S DEATH

The death occurred yesterday at St. Paul's Hospital of Miss Chan Hung-hing, prominent swimmer of the Chinese Bathing Club.

Only 23 years of age, deceased was one of the leading Chinese women back-stroke swimmers in the Colony. She represented Hong Kong in the China National Games at Shanghai a few years ago, and held the 100 metres back-stroke record for several years.

The annual softball presentation of prizes and dance will be held at the Peninsula Hotel this evening commencing at 8 p.m. and carrying on until 2 a.m.

The finals of the inter-school athletic meeting will be held at Caroline Hill commencing at 1.30 p.m. to-day.

TENNIS LEAGUE ENTRIES

The following are the complete entries for the Colony Tennis League.

"A" DIVISION

Chinese Recreation Club, Club de Recreio, Hong Kong Cricket Club, University Tennis Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Indian Recreation Club and South China Athletic Association.

"B" DIVISION

Chinese Recreation Club, Club de Recreio, Craigengower Cricket Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, South China Athletic Association, Army Tennis Club, Indian Recreation Club and Kowloon Cricket Club.

"C" DIVISION

Central British Association, Chinese Recreation Club, Club de Recreio (2), University Tennis Club, Jewish Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, Police Recreation Club, South China Athletic Association, Army Tennis Club and Kowloon Indian Tennis Club.

"D" DIVISION

Central British Association, Chinese Recreation Club (2), Craigengower Cricket Club, Indian Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club, South China Athletic Association and Filipino Club.

MIXED DOUBLES DIVISION

Chinese Recreation Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, University Tennis Club, Kowloon Cricket Club (2), Ladies Recreation Club and United Services Recreation Club.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning:—

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m.	G. C. Worrall, W. Hewitt.
9.20 ..	B. H. Puckle, J. C. Taylor.
9.24 ..	T. A. Pearce, A. E. Lissaman.
9.28 ..	F. D. Hunter, R. Hancock.
9.32 ..	A. T. Lay, J. A. D. Morrison.
9.36 ..	E. Bathurst, H. B. Williamson.
9.40 ..	L. R. Andrewes, Col. Collins.
9.44 ..	J. L. C. Pearce, D. Humphreys.
9.48 ..	L. A. R. Duncan, G. Thomerson.
9.52 ..	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.56 ..	P. E. Annis, J. W. Clague.
10.00 ..	N. C. McLeod, M. L. Reidy.
10.04 ..	E. T. McMullen, R. C. Gairdner.
10.08 ..	F. Groves, G. M. Park.
10.12 ..	M. Pollock, S. L. Lloyd.
10.16 ..	R. Young, F. A. Redmond.
10.20 ..	J. T. Smith, W. S. Hillier.
10.24 ..	Col. Matthews, B. D. Evans.
10.28 ..	G. T. Harrington, J. W. Anderson.

10.32 ..	A. L. Potter, E. L. Groome.
10.36 ..	S. T. Butlin, H. A. Mills.
10.40 ..	J. Linaker, Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins.

10.44 ..	A. V. Greaves, J. W. Mayhew.
10.48 ..	V. R. Gordon, J. R. Collis.
10.52 ..	R. J. K. Walker, J. B. Harrison.
10.56 ..	D. W. Stout, J. Redman.
11.00 ..	Capt. Thursby, Lieut. Carter.
11.04 ..	Major Harvey, I. P. Tamworth.

New Course

9.24 a.m.	J. G. Jensen, Miss Cuthbertson.
9.32 ..	S. H. Dodwell, T. E. Pearce.
9.40 ..	D. Black, A. A. Bremner.
10.40 ..	Mrs. Greaves, Mrs. Steele Perkins.

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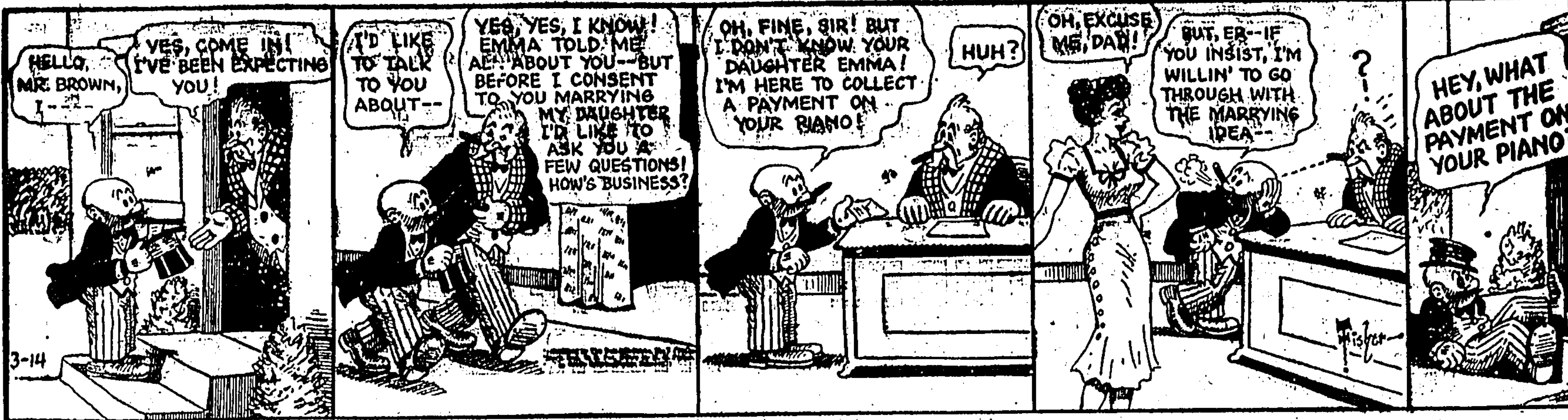
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6.00 p.m.—Dvorak—Quartet In A Flat Major, Op. 105.
Prague String Quartet.
6.27 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.29 p.m.—Verdi's "Rigoletto" Act III. Characters and Soloists in order of appearance:
Gilda, daughter of Rigoletto... Mercedes Capris (Soprano).
The Duke of Mantua... Dino Borghiolo (Tenor).
Rigoletto, his jester... Riccardo Stracciari (Baritone).
Sparafucile, a bravo... Ernesto Doninici (Bass).
Maddalena, sister of Sparafucile... Anna Masetti Bassi (Contralto).
and The Milan Symphony Orchestra.
7.05 p.m.—The Orchestre Raymonde.
Berceuse (Jarnetfelt); A Night On The Waves (Finnish Waltz—Koskimaa); Electric Girl (Helmburgh-Holmes); Orient Express (Mohr);

To-day's Wireless

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9.52 Megacycles

Taming the Tiger (La Rocca); Chanson D'Amour (Suk); By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coates); Polonaise Militaire (Chopin, arr. Walter).
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92.
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.
8.40 p.m.—Studio—Luba Shaftain (Piano) playing An Arrangement of Beethoven's "Kreutzer" Sonata.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Jay Wilbur & His Band.
Novelty Fox-Trot—Dancing Moth; Fox-Trot—I Need You; Quickstep—It's A Hap-Happy Day (film 'Gulliver's Travels'); Slow Fox-Trot—Faithful Forever (film 'Gulliver's Travels'); Fox-Trots—Dream Time; Lost; Fox-Trots—The Glory of Love; Hold Me Tight I'm Falling; Fox-Trot—That Old Feeling (from 'Vogues of 1938').
10.10 p.m.—Arthur Askey (Comedian). Crash; Bang; I Want To Go Home (The Black-Out Song from 'Black Velvet'); Willow, Tit Willow (Phil Park-Parr Davies); F. D. D. Jones (Rome)... with Jack Hylton &

Beethoven
Symphony

Hylton & Some of His Boys.
10.20 p.m.—Gino. Bordin & His Hawaiians.
Waltz—Dellah (Nicholls); Hawaiian Berceuse (Bordin); Tears of Love (Bordin).
10.30 p.m.—Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Mendal's Son's Swing Song; Cabin On The Hilltop (film 'Walking on Air').
Waltzes—The Umbrella Man (from 'Those Foolish Things'); Ferdinand. The Bull (from the film).
Fox-Trots—When A Woman Smiles; Goodbye, Little Dream, Goodbye. Quickstep—Shut-Eye.
Fox-Trot—I Go For That (film 'St. Louis Blues').
Waltz—Have You Forgotten So Soon.
Fox-Trot—Did You Mean It.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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BACK AND FORTH

While to-day's hand may not have been bid in elegant fashion, nevertheless the final Contract of six notrump was a pretty good one. However, South needed to get into his own hand and he could do so only by overtaking one of dummy's tricks.

North, Dealer

North: ♠ K Q 10 9 3, ♥ A Q, ♦ A K Q J 10, ♣ K.
West: ♠ 7 2, ♥ 8 6 5, ♦ 6 4 3, ♣ Q 10 5 4 2.
East: ♠ 8 4, ♥ K 10 9 3, ♦ 7 5, ♣ A J 8 7 3.
South: ♠ 7 2, ♥ 8 6 5, ♦ 6 4 3, ♣ Q 10 5 4 2.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
6NT	Pass	6NT	Pass

West opened the deuce of hearts and Declarer saw that his main problem was to get into his own hand to lead a spade. Accordingly, he decided to take the bull by the horns, overtook dummy's Queen of hearts with the King and led the eight of spades. West ducked and Declarer simply let the eight of

spades ride. Now his troubles were over. True, West ducked the second spade. Dummy's nine held the trick and now all South had to lose was the Ace of spades.

It will be noted that if Declarer had held the first heart lead in dummy, he would not have been able to make the hand against perfect defence.

To-day's hand illustrates the answer to yesterday's question.

Score 100% for correct play.

Question No. 394.

David Bruce Burnstone is your partner and you hold:

♠ J x x x x
♥ x x
♦ x x x
♣ J x
The bidding:
Burnstone Maier You Jacoby
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass (?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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MILITARY BAND CONCERT

A military band concert in aid of the funds of the B.W.O.F. is to be given at the Peninsula Hotel on Sunday evening.

- The programme is as follows:
1. March—Triumph of Right.....Lovell.
 2. Rhapsody—Slavonic.....Friedemann.
Carl Friedemann has written two Slavonic Rhapsodies, both excellent examples of the type of music of eastern Europe. The No. 2 opens with a heavy Brass introduction, which gives way to a light Capriccioso, and this leads to a highly rhythmic Allegro. This is terminated by a brilliant but difficult Cadenza for the Clarinet, which leads to the final Presto to end this vivacious work.
 3. Selection—Community Land, arr. Stoddon.
 4. Song—Salut, Demeure Chaste et Pure, Gounod.
Gaston D'Aquino, Tenor.
 5. Selection—Merrie England.....German.
 6. Song—The Lost Chord.....Sullivan.
 7. Selection—Old Favourites...arr. Stoddon.
 8. Accordion Trio—Geo. Flo-Uiski, Art Carneiro, Terry Lucido playing—
1. Two Guitars.
2. The Rosary.
3. Medley of New War Songs.
 9. Selection—He Wanted Adventure, Waller.
 10. Phantasy—The Three Bears.....Coates.
 11. Song—Land of Hope and Glory.....Elgar.
Muriel Portallion, Contralto.
 12. Medley—The Charm of the Waltz, arr. Winter.
 13. Selection—Snow White.....Churchill.
 14. Finale—Grand Military Tattoo.....Rogan.
Synopsis:—Bugles, sound, Tattoo—Drums and Fifes play a quick march—Signal Call—Assembly March—Trumpeters sound Grand, Tattoo—Creation Hymn (Beethoven)—Call to Prayer—Abide with Me—Order Arms—Lights Out—Regimental March—Sir Manley Power, THE KING.



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WAR IN NORWAY: SUMMARY

ALLIED FORCES CONCENTRATED AT DOMBAAS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SUMMING UP THE POSITION IN NORWAY, MILITARY QUARTERS POINT OUT THAT OPERATIONS ARE GOING ON ON AT LEAST THREE FRONTS:—

In central Norway, near Lillehammer;
Further north, around Steinkjer, and
In the far north, around Narvik.

The Allied troops which had reached Lillehammer had landed at Molde, south of Christiansund. They practically control the northern stretch of the railway linking Andalsnes and Oslo via Hamar.

This railway is subjected to constant German bombing but no important damage can be done owing to the mountainous terrain.

The bulk of the Allied forces in this sector are centered round the Dombaas railway junction, while the Norwegian troops are grouped between Koppang and Atna, on the Trondheim-Oslo railway running parallel to the Andalsnes-Oslo railway, but situated further east.

The Allies and Norwegians have effected a junction and their present objective is definitely to isolate the Germans at Trondheim.

On the Narvik front the Allies and Norwegians are gradually encircling the Germans amidst a terrific blizzard.—Havas.

Out Of Naval Gunrange

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Steinkjer is still in the hands of the Germans and the Allied and Norwegians are occupying defensive positions north of the town.

By withdrawing from Steinkjer, the Allies are no longer under the fire of the German fleet anchored in Trondheim fjord.—Havas.

Nazi Surrender At Narvik Premature

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Stockholm, To-day.

While it is confirmed that large bodies of Germans are encircled in the Narvik region, rumours of their capitulation published abroad are considered premature.—Havas.

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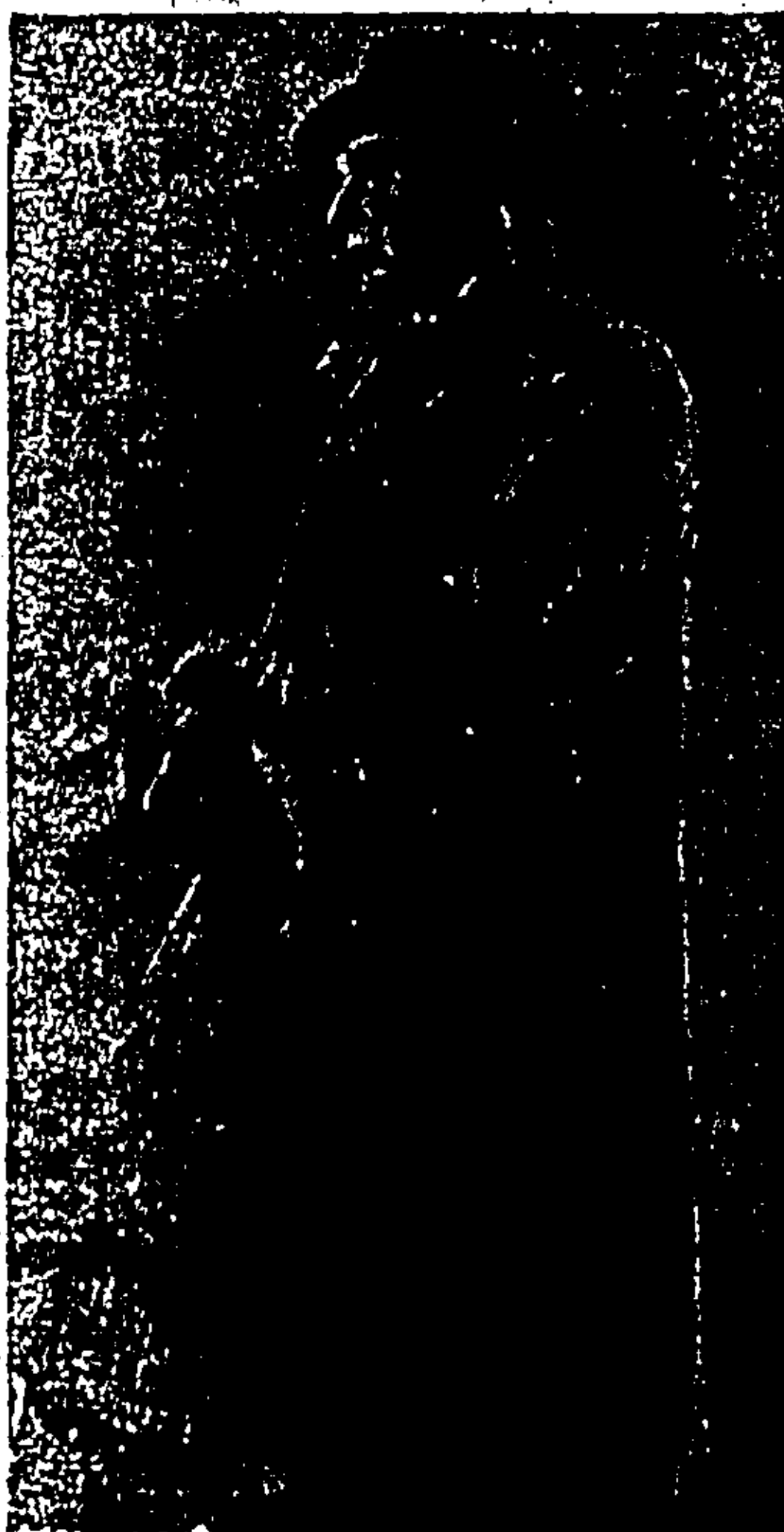
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Sudden recurrence of smallpox in Kowloon is indicated by the Medical Department return this afternoon, showing that seven new cases of smallpox were notified yesterday. Five of them were in Kowloon, and one was imported.

There were also three typhoid cases, four meningitis, one diphtheria and 29 tuberculosis.

London, To-day.

Norwegian headquarters, "somewhere in Norway," has issued a communique saying that "on Wednesday German troops attacked our positions in southern Gudbrandsdal supported by artillery and light tanks.

"Our troops withdrew to new prepared positions.

"In Oesterdalen, the Germans continued to advance.

"German planes continued bombing and firing at communication lines. Three German planes were shot down and one made a forced landing.

"British pursuit planes are now keeping watch in Gudbrandsdal.

"During attempts at landings the Germans used Norwegian fishingboats with civilian crews as protection, which is a violation of international law. One fisherman was killed.—Reuter.

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